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## Number of atheists and non-believers increases

By RHETT WILKINSON  
staff writer

Observations of a growing trend in atheists and non-believers in organized religion were presented by Professor Mark Silk of Trinity College from Hartford, Conn. in “New Secularism: Threat or Promise,” Tuesday evening. Silk, who currently teaches Religion in Public Life at Trinity College, said people across the country, particularly in the Pacific Northwest and New England, are increasingly holding an atheist view. Silk also offered some reasons why an increasing number of people may share these views.

USU Professor Philip Barlow, the Arrington Chair of Mormon History and Culture at USU, said “nones” means those who indicate no religious preference in surveys. For groups in a survey Silk discussed, the number of “nones” increased to 14 percent in 2010. Those who indicated Christian affiliation dropped 1 percent since 2009. Silk said while many focus on the growth of the Muslim population since 2001, a study of the multiple religious surveys in recent months shows an increase in those not subscribed to

any denomination.

“(Nones) constitute the fastest-growing group in America in religion,” Barlow said. “We don’t understand religion as well unless we can understand secularism.”

Silk said according to a poll conducted by the Pew Research Center for the People and the Press, the “nones” are the third largest religious group in America after Catholics and Evangelicals. Additionally, one-third of “nones” consider themselves atheists and 23 percent do believe in God.

“(Silk’s presentation) intrigued me with how the culture has been trying to go less with ‘I am what my parents were,’ towards, ‘I’m not what my parents were, or I’m undecided or nothing right now,’” said freshman Shawn Taylor, who considers himself a non-denominational Christian.

Eli Brayley, who USU students may recognize as the Evangelical preacher who spends many school days speaking to students near the TSC patio, said he felt a lot of valuable information was learned at the presentation.

“Certainly, the lecture was infor-

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**MARK SILK**, professor of religion at Trinity College, said the “nones” compose one-third of the American population. ANI MIRZAKHANYAN photo

## Largest organism faces extinction

By DAN SMITH  
staff writer

Aspen trees that stand all over the west, including the largest organism in the world, are facing extinction, said Paul Rogers, adjunct assistant professor of wildland resources at USU.

“The real serious problem there is that there’s no new generation,” Rogers said. Rogers recently visited the site, which consists of aspen connected at the roots and often

referred to as Pando’s clone. The 106-acre stand of aspen trees is located near Richfield, Utah.

Old trees are dwindling in number due to increased insect populations and disease, Rogers said. Rogers is also a member of the Western Aspen Alliance, a research group that aims to better the chances for aspen groves throughout the region.

Aspen trees regenerate largely through a complex network of underground root systems using new sprouts called “suckers”, said Aspen

ecologist Dale Bartos. Seed reproduction happens, but it’s rare.

“I’ve been going to the Pando for the last 15-18 years,” Bartos said. “When I started, the parent trees were pretty healthy, pretty robust. Now in some spots, 80-90 percent are dead or dying.”

Thriving aspen trees will live 100-120 years. It is natural for the old trees to die off, Rogers

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**A GROUP OF ASPEN TREES** that are connected underground through their roots in Utah are struggling to live. Adjunct assistant professor, Paul Rogers, said he is working at the site of the aspens in Pando and Richfield to keep the trees healthy. Photo courtesy of Paul Rogers

## Fire alarm causes some class delays

By CATHERINE MEIDELL  
news editor

A faulty electrical ballast in the education building caused dozens of classes to congregate outside when the fire alarm sounded Tuesday morning, said USU Chief of Police Steve Mecham.

USU fire marshal Steve Bell pulled the alarm as a preventative measure. It was pulled to secure the building in case the ballast did spark and ignite anything in the room. Everyone evacuated the building until Bell confirmed the building was safe.

Mecham said police were contacted around 9 a.m. and were informed that a fluorescent light was overheating, causing the odor of an electrical burn. When ballasts in fluorescent lights become older, they have a tendency to overheat. This is not the first time a situation like this has happened on campus, Mecham said.

No classes were cancelled, but students and professors were forced to stand outside for most of their class periods until they received the OK to go back inside.

“The education building is very organized, so we had good access to the professors and students to control the situation,” Mecham said.

The ballast in the fluorescent lights are the devices that trigger lights to turn on. When a ballast has been used repeatedly for a long period of time, it may start to smoke. In this incidence, the ballast did not emit enough smoke to start the alarm on its own.

The ballast was replaced promptly and those assisting in the electrical issue cleared the problem by 9:40 a.m.

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Nat'l Briefs

Boston women throws infant out window

BOSTON (AP) – A teenage mother tossed her naked, newborn son out a second-floor bathroom window into a trash-strewn alley, where a neighbor heard the infant’s cries and called for help, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Eva Flores, 18, pleaded not guilty in East Boston District Court to charges of assault and battery on a child under 14 and reckless endangerment of a child. A judge set bail at \$1,500.

Assistant District Attorney Leora Joseph said a police investigation determined that Flores gave birth in a bathtub on Sept. 20 and then threw the baby out the window. She said police found a portion of the umbilical cord in the bathtub drain.

The infant fell about 17 feet into the narrow alley between two homes in the city’s East Boston neighborhood, Joseph said. A neighbor heard the baby’s cries and called police, who found the infant and took him to a hospital.

The child was originally described as being found in good condition, but Joseph said Tuesday that the baby suffered hypothermia and serious injuries including abrasions, hemorrhaging and seizures.

“It’s a very sad, and very strange, case,” Joseph said after the hearing.

Flores visited the baby in the hospital and named him Angel, prosecutors said. He has been placed in the custody of the state Department of Families and Children.

Police investigator killed in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) – A Mexican police commander investigating the disappearance of an American tourist on a border lake plagued by pirates was killed, U.S. and Mexican officials said Tuesday.

Rolando Flores, the commander of state investigators in Ciudad Miguel Aleman who was part of a group investigating the reported shooting of David Hartley, was slain, said Ruben Rios, spokesman for the Tamaulipas state prosecutor’s office.

Rios said authorities “don’t know how or why he was killed. We don’t have any details on how he died.”

U.S. officials have said threats from drug gangs who control the area around Falcon Lake have hampered the search for Hartley.

Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday that backing off when confronted by threats like the slaying of the police commander is “the worst thing we can do.”

“I think their attempt is to intimidate law enforcement, no matter who they are or where they are,” Perry told The Associated Press. Their message is to “stay out of their territory.”

“The worst thing we can do is let the terrorists dictate the terms of how we’re going to live.”

Perry said the threat should be handled by upping “the numbers of law enforcement and military.”

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Top 10 Brett Favre Excuses  
October 11, 2010

10. “Part of my audition for ‘Jackass 3D.’”
9. “Uhhh, I was dehydrated?”
8. “An autograph seemed so impersonal.”
7. “Too many concussions.”
6. “Meant to send it to Commissioner Goodell.”
5. “No habla Ingles.”
4. “Offensive line let me down.”
3. “Don’t blame me, I voted for Kucinich.”
2. “If I can’t text inappropriate photos, then the terrorists have won.”
1. “Thought the cell phone was gum.”

Chilean officials prepare rescue

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile (AP) – Chilean officials prepared to lower two rescuers almost a half-mile into a collapsed mine Tuesday, the precursor to fresh air and freedom for 33 men trapped for 69 days. No one in history has been trapped underground so long and survived.

“We made a promise to never surrender, and we kept it,” President Sebastian Pinera said as he waited to greet the miners, whose endurance and unity captivated the world as Chile meticulously prepared their rescue.

Mining Minister Laurence Golborne said a paramedic will begin descending to start the rescue of 33 trapped miners by about 10 p.m. local time (9 p.m. EDT) – two hours later than what President Sebastian Pinera had previously announced. Golborne said that’s because more testing is

needed once cables and equipment are attached to the custom-built capsule that will carry the men.

A mine rescue expert will be lowered in the capsule and raised again to test it, and then that rescuer and a Navy special forces paramedic will be lowered to the men to prepare them for the trip. Only then can the first miner be pulled to safety. It is expected to take as many as 36 hours for the last miner to be rescued.

Chile has taken extensive precautions to ensure the miners’ privacy, using a screen to block the top of the shaft from more than 1,000 journalists at the scene.

The miners will be ushered through an inflatable tunnel, like those used in sports stadiums, to an ambulance for a trip of several hundred yards (meters) to a triage station for an immediate medi-

cal check. They will gather with a few family members, in an area also closed to the media, before being transported by helicopter to a hospital.

Each ride up the shaft is expected to take about 20 minutes, and authorities expect they will be able to haul up roughly one miner per hour. When the last man surfaces, it promises to end a national crisis that began when 700,000 tons of rock collapsed on Aug. 5, sealing the miners into the lower reaches of the gold and copper mine.

The only media allowed to record them coming out of the shaft will be a government photographer and Chile’s state television channel, whose live broadcast will be delayed by 30 seconds or more to prevent the release of anything unexpected.

The worst technical problem that could happen, rescue coordinator Andre Sougarett told The Associated Press, is that “a rock could fall,” potentially jamming the capsule partway up the shaft. But test rides suggest the ride up will be smooth.

Panic attacks are the rescuers’ biggest concern. The miners will not be sedated – they need to be alert in case something goes wrong. If a miner must get out more quickly, rescuers will accelerate the capsule to a maximum 3 meters per second, Health Minister Jaime Manalich said.

The rescue attempt is risky simply because no one else has ever tried to extract miners from such depths, Davitt McAteer, who directed the U.S. Mine Safety and Health Administration during the Clinton administration. A miner could get claustrophobic and do something that damages the capsule. Or a rock could fall and wedge it in the shaft. Or the cable could get hung up. Or the rig that pulls the cable could overheat.

“You can be good and you can be lucky. And they’ve been good and lucky,” McAteer told the AP. “Knock on wood that this luck holds out for the next 33 hours.”

Golborne, whose management of the crisis has made him a media star in Chile, said authorities had already thought of everything.



CHILEAN PRESIDENT SEBASTIEN PINERA, center, walks at the site of the mining accident. AP photo

Guantanamo detainee goes on trial

NEW YORK (AP) – A man accused of helping to build a truck bomb used in a 1998 terror attack on a U.S. embassy was a member of an al-Qaida cell that was determined to kill Americans, a federal prosecutor told jurors Tuesday, but a defense lawyer said the Tanzanian man was duped.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Nicholas Lewin said in his opening statement Tuesday that Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani – the first Guantanamo Bay detainee to face a civilian trial – bought the truck and gas tanks that were used in the bombing in Tanzania, one of two simultaneous embassy bombings in Africa that killed 224 people, including a dozen Americans.

“This man, Ahmed Ghailani, was a vital member of that cell,” Lewin said as he pointed at Ghailani, who stared straight ahead in the Manhattan courtroom.

“The defendant did all of this ... because he was committed to al-Qaida’s overriding goal: killing Americans,” he said.

The repeated mention of al-Qaida during the government’s opening statement prompted defense lawyer Peter Quijano to demand a mistrial, saying prosecutors had promised they would not claim that Ghailani was a member or associate of al-Qaida.

Prosecutor Michael Farbiarz said the government had said it had no proof Ghailani had formally pledged an oath to al-Qaida. U.S. District Judge Lewis A. Kaplan denied the mistrial request.

Lewin told jurors they would hear testimony from a former al-Qaida “insider” who has pleaded guilty. Some of the bombings’ survivors also will take the witness stand, he said.

He said other evidence would include a bomb detonator found in a locked cabinet in Ghailani’s apartment, a twisted and charred piece of the bomb truck Ghailani helped purchase and proof that Ghailani’s clothing was covered in explosives residue.

Prosecutors also said they would show that Ghailani left Africa a day before the explosions on the same flight to Pakistan as two al-Qaida operatives.

After Ghailani fled to Pakistan,

he “never dreamed that one day he would face all these witnesses ... here in an American courtroom,” Lewin said during a 40-minute opening.

Defense attorney Steve Zissou, however, described Ghailani as an unwitting

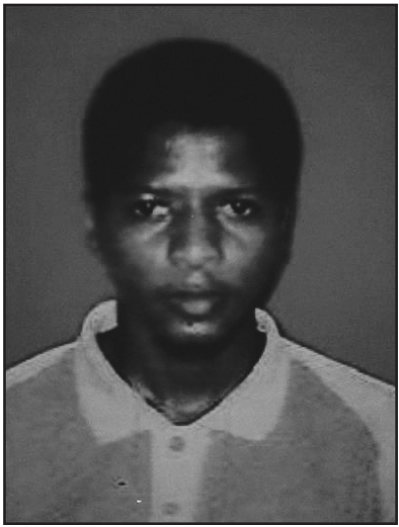
“dupe” for al-Qaida. His client, he said, “ran errands” for longtime friends he believed were legitimate businessmen – not terrorists.

Unlike others involved in the plot, Ghailani “did not go to training camps. He did not get indoctrinated,” the lawyer said.

“It is not his hatred. He is neither a member of al-Qaida nor does he share their goals.”

Later, he added: “He was with them, but he was not one of them.”

Prosecutors have accused Ghailani of being a bomb-maker, document



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forger and aide to bin Laden. He has denied knowing that the materials he delivered would be used to make a bomb.

Ghailani, 36, faces a life sentence in prison if he is convicted of conspiring with others, including Osama bin Laden, to blow up embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, in August 1998.

In Tanzania, there was “a low rumbling noise” followed by a blast that blew out windows and knocked computers off desks inside the embassy, said former diplomat John E. Lange, the first witness.

He described pulling rubble off a colleague who was trapped in her office. Outside, he came across a badly burned man.

The man “was in the last gasps of life,” he said.

Ghailani was arrested in Pakistan in 2004 before being held in Guantanamo.

Prosecutors were going forward without their top witness after Kaplan ruled last week that the government couldn’t use him. The judge found that the man’s testimony that he sold explosives to Ghailani must be excluded from the trial because the government only learned about him after Ghailani was interrogated at a secret overseas CIA camp.

‘Don’t ask, don’t tell’ not enforced

SAN DIEGO (AP) – A federal judge ordered the military Tuesday to immediately stop enforcing its ban on openly gay troops, bringing the 17-year “don’t ask, don’t tell” policy closer than it has ever been to being abolished.

Justice Department attorneys have 60 days to appeal the injunction but did not say what their next step would be.

President Barack Obama has backed a Democratic effort in Congress to repeal the law, rather than in an executive order or in court.

But U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips’ injunction leaves the administration with a choice: Continue defending a law it opposes with an appeal, or do nothing, let the policy be overturned, and add an explosive issue to a midterm election with Republicans poised to make major gains.

Department of Justice and Pentagon officials were reviewing the judge’s decision and said they had no immediate comment.

“The whole thing has become a giant game of

hot potato,” said Diane H. Mazur, a legal expert at the Palm Center, a think tank at the University of California at Santa Barbara that supports a repeal. “There isn’t anyone who wants to be responsible, it seems, for actually ending this policy.

“The potato has been passed around so many times that I think the grown-up in the room is going to be the federal courts.”

A federal judge in Tacoma, Wash., ruled in a different case last month that a decorated flight nurse discharged from the Air Force for being gay should be given her job back.

Phillips, based in Riverside, Calif., issued a landmark ruling on Sept. 9, declaring the policy unconstitutional and asked both sides to give her input about an injunction. The judge said the policy violates due process rights, freedom of speech and the right to petition the government for redress of grievances guaranteed by the First Amendment.

Gay rights groups hailed Phillips’ latest move, crediting her with what the administration and

Washington have not been able to do.

“For a single federal judge to tell the government to stop enforcing this policy worldwide, this afternoon, with no time to think about it or plan for it, is almost unprecedented,” said Richard Socarides, a former Clinton White House adviser on gay rights.

“This judge was sure. There was nothing in her mind that could justify this even for one more day, one more hour.”

Gay rights advocates, however, tempered their celebrations, warning service members to avoid revealing their sexuality for fear that the injunction could be tossed out during an appeal and they would be left open to being discharged.

If the government does not appeal, the injunction cannot be reversed and would remain in effect. If it does, it can seek a temporary freeze, or stay, of her ruling. An appeal would go to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit. Either side could then take it to the U.S. Supreme Court.



# Senator position discussed

By JESSICA SWEAT  
staff writer

The largest item of business at ASUSU's weekly executive council meeting was a first vote on the possible Graduate Student Senate's (GSS) arts senator position, brought to the council by Graduate Studies Vice President Trevor Nelson.

During the most recent ASUSU elections, the creation of the position was voted on and passed by students and the GSS. The only vote now needed to make the position official is a final vote by ASUSU, on the agenda for next week's meeting.

According to the GSS website, each college has their own senator, who serves as part of its representation. Each college currently has its own senator except for the newly-formed Caine College of the Arts.

Cami Lyman, who represents the Academic Senate on the council, also presented at the meeting. Lyman informed the council on parliamentary procedure, which is the method organization the council uses in meetings. A typical meeting consists of calling the meeting to order, accepting minutes, or official notes, from the previous week's meeting and listening to updates from councilmembers and advisers. There is also a time for public comment, which anyone can use to bring concerns or information to ASUSU's attention. Following updates, any news items may be brought up for discussion. When a conclusion is met, the meeting can then be adjourned, Lyman said.

In week's council updates, Brent Crosby, ASUSU executive vice president, said big numbers were brought in for the voter registration drive. Crosby said 910 students were registered to vote, which is double the amount of registration in 2009. Crosby's committee is also working toward establishing a Political Action Day, which they plan to hold Oct. 25.

Other updates included President Tyler Tolson's upcoming Board of Trustees meeting, where Tolson and Vice President of Student Services James Morales, will present a new recreation center concept.

Alex Putnam, athletics VP, named women's soccer as his "hot team of the week" for their two recent wins. He also discussed the status of USU athletics, but mainly on his work with athletic support group the HURD. Putnam said the group originally planned for 2,000 students to join, but currently has 1,500. He discussed ways they could better promote HURD involvement and suggested giving away HURD t-shirts to new members.

Lacey Nagao, public relations VP, and the council discussed how to increase traffic to USU's website by linking it to USU's home website. Nagao suggested linking ASUSU and USU calendars as well. Nagao said she is working on a second draft of bylaw legislation for this idea.

Other news from council members included the success of recent events around campus, such as the conclusion of business week, which raised about \$9,000 for the Huntsman Cancer Institute.

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## Text and email system notifies students of all emergencies

By BLAZE BULLOCK  
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Utah State University has an alert system that can immediately inform students and faculty throughout the school in case of shootings or other emergencies.

It's called Code Blue Emergency Alert System, or Code Blue for short, said Department of Public Safety Emergency Manager Judy Crockett.

The alert system lets students know of various emergencies that happen on campus through voice, text and email, Crockett said.

Currently, every student with a USU email will receive notification of any emergency that happens on or near campus, but students can also sign up to receive text messages in the event of a crisis as well. This would enable students to be alerted on their cell phones when they may not have e-mail easily accessible. So far only about 3,000 students are signed up to get text messages through the Code Blue.

Crockett said she wants all of the students at USU to sign up to receive text messages in case of an emergency.

"This is the perfect way to get people informed," she said. "This is an awesome system."

Steven Mecham Police Chief and Executive Director of Public Safety of the USU Police Department agreed with Crockett and said receiving messages through text messaging is the best.

"Most students aren't worried about e-mail," said Mecham. "The text is the best."

Students can sign up by logging into banner, clicking on "personal information", then entering their phone number. They can also put in their parents' phone numbers so they, too, will receive a text or phone call about the emergency that occurred. Crockett said the message will also let people know how they can obtain more information on the matter at hand, whether it is a test alert or an actual emergency.

Once students sign in their parents' information, they should tell their parents so they're not confused when they get the message, Crockett said.

Students can also be notified by finding USU Emergency Management on Twitter or Facebook.

Crockett said the emergency notification system is only used in the event of an emergency and nothing more. Students will never get messages through the system about tuition fees, payment of parking tickets or anything of that nature.

"People are really, really concerned that we're going to use it for other things," Crockett said. "Absolutely not. That's not what it's here for. It's for emergency situations only."

Capt. Steve Milne of the USU Police Department also said it will only be used for emergencies.

"It's not going to be used to send advertisements or anything like that," he said. "Hopefully you never get it other than when we do the semi-annual test, but it would still be nice to know if something's going down."

The emergency alert system is used once a semester as a test, Crockett said.

Code Blue will notify students if there were a shooting on campus, a chemical spill, hazardous weather that would result in school being canceled, fires, evacuations and building closures, she said.

The emergency alert system was first started in 2008 and is being used by universities all over the state and country, Milne said.

One of the main reasons the alert system has been started throughout the country is because of the shooting at Virginia Tech and other schools, he said.

"Virginia Tech's the driving force in this," Milne said. "If you're walking up to the student center to go get something to eat and there's some guy in there shooting people, you would want to know that."

Milne and Crockett both said the alert system won't help police stop shootings or aid other types of emergencies any faster, but it will help students get the information they need faster.

Milne also said Code Blue could have been used while the "Logan Lurker" was stealing from apartments last school year.

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**CODE BLUE** emergency alert system will be used strictly for emergency situations such as the shooting that occurred at Virginia Tech. USU Police Capt. Steve Milne said this system will prevent many students from being exposed to danger on and near campus. CATHERINE MEIDELL photo illustration

## Pando: USU researches largest organism in the world

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said. The real serious problem is that there's no new generation due to wildlife and livestock.

Cattle roam through the Pando area and graze on the newly sprouted stems, he said. The forest is also home to elk and deer which also forage on the trees.

"Aspen is like candy to goats, deer, cattle and elk," said Karen Mock, associate professor in conservation genetics. "Until aspen grows out of the range of those mouths, it's really at high risk."

Mock said she began researching aspen clones about five years ago in the Logan Canyon. Her research led to the Pando. She questioned whether it was actually one big clone, or several smaller ones.

"Based on leaf morphology, by and large, Pando is one huge clone," she said. Her findings also showed that there are approximately 47,000 stems.

Pando is easily accessible by road because of its proximity to Fishlake National Forest, Mock said. It is possible there are larger aspen clones in more remote areas that have yet to be discovered.

According to a video called "Fading Gold," produced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, aspen provide a habitat for ruffed grouse, beavers, moose, elk, black bears and migrating songbirds.

Many animals are dependent on the aspen for nesting, foraging, breeding and resting.

Various efforts are being made to prevent the Pando and other aspen clones from completely dying off, Rogers said. An 8-10 acre section of the Pando clone has been fenced off, yet deer still find a way to get to the sprouts.

"We need to come up with as much money as we can and fence as much as we can," Rogers said. "If we had a million dollars, we'd fence the whole thing off."

Rogers said because Pando is so close to a recreation area, fencing the whole area off is not an option.

Research is focused on finding other solutions to the regeneration problem, such as burning the invasive conifer trees that block sunlight from aspens, Bartos said. Events such as forest fires stimulate the growth of new stems.

Older aspens can be harvested for wood fiber which is used to make furniture and novelties such as souvenirs, he said. The trees self-limit to prevent overcrowding, so when old trees are cut down, new trees grow.

"There's a lot of treating of aspen to get it back to a healthy nature," Bartos said. "In some instances

es it works well and in some it doesn't."

Mock said an ideal scenario would involve more research, like present-day surveys, historical surveys and aerial photographs.

"We're choosing to be in a land grant institution where the questions are applied and where the answers are important to the citizens of Utah," Mock said.

Rogers said that USU, the National Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) are working together to fund sustainability efforts. While the forest service is busy fighting fires in other areas, the BLM is "becoming more progressive in some ways."

"I'm the neutral consultant to provide scientific information," Rogers said. "The stage we're at now is we are trying to avoid calling names and learn how to work together. 'How do we fix this?' as opposed to 'Who do we blame?'"

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## Briefs

Campus & Community

### Student business to be awarded

Utah student entrepreneurs have one week left to be recognized as creators of one of the top student businesses in Utah.

Open to any Utah business started in the past five years by college students, the Utah Student 25 is accepting nominations/applications through 5 p.m. (MT) on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. Qualifying businesses are judged on revenue and profitability growth. For consideration, businesses can apply for the 2010 Utah Student 25 program here.

In its first year, the Utah Student 25 had companies started by students attending six different universities: BYU, the University of Utah, Utah State University, Utah Valley University, Weber State University and Westminster College. (Here is a link to a complete of the 2009 Utah Student 25 honorees, which included companies with annual revenue ranging from \$25,000 to more than \$1 million.)

Winning companies and their founders/executives in the 2010 Utah Student 25 will be recognized at a "black tie optional" Awards Gala held the evening of Thursday, November 4, 2010 at the Grand America Hotel in Salt Lake City. Tickets to the event range from \$35 for students to \$150 for VIP seating and can be purchased online.

### Carnival presents Dr. Seuss production

The Caine College of the Arts of Utah State University welcomes Cache Valley residents and friends to the Chase Fine Arts Center for the Seussical Family Carnival held in conjunction with the Utah State Theatre production of "Seussical the Musical," beginning Oct. 28.

Admission to the carnival is free, and various booths for games, arts activities, concessions and shopping will be set up throughout the Tippetts Exhibition Hall during most production dates of the Utah State Theatre production.

"This carnival will be a fun, memorable activity for the whole family," Caine College of the Arts Dean Craig Jessop said. "We are excited to involve our community members in this entertaining fall family carnival, which corresponds with our own production of one of the most-performed, fantastical and magical shows in America, 'Seussical the Musical.'"

"Seussical the Musical" runs Oct. 28-30 and Nov. 3-6 in the Morgan Theatre. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m., with an additional 2 p.m. matinee Saturday, Oct. 30.

The Seussical Family Carnival is held daily during opening week of "Seussical" and the second weekend of the production's run.

### Charity event seeking artists

A charity event titled "Save the Arts Benefit Concert" is looking for volunteer musicians and artists to perform and display their work the night Nov. 11. The event will be held in the TSC auditorium and all proceeds from the concert will go to USU's Caine College of the Arts. Musicians are asked to pay a \$2 entrance fee and artists a \$1 entrance fee which must be submitted by Oct. 23. Those interested in participating are not required to try out.

Musicians for the event are preferred to be mainly acoustic and play a set ranging from 10 to 15 minutes. Only 10 to 15 musicians who contact the event coordinators will be chosen to play in the showcase. All musicians that perform will also receive air time on USU's radio station. Many different forms of artwork will be acceptable to display such as photography, drawings, paintings and interior design work.

All interested in participating must email Shanelle Brown at shanelle.b@aggiemail.usu.edu.

■Compiled from staff and media reports



# Nones: Non-religion growing in popularity nationwide

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mative,” said Brayley, who has been preaching on various campuses nationwide for five years. “I find it fascinating, the whole American political structure.”

Brayley said he had doubts concerning Silk’s comments that many American politicians would openly say they are a “none” in order to maintain a God-fearing, spiritual persona in the public eye. On the other hand, Silk said it is not uncommon for European politicians to openly say they are atheist or do not ascribe to one particular denomination.

Silk said according to the Pew research survey conducted 20 years ago, 27 percent of Republicans and Democrats are “nones.” In 2008, 34 percent of “nones” identified themselves

as Democrat and 13 percent as Republican. These and other factors feed into Silk’s hypothesis that the nones have significantly “contributed to Democratic rise, and the election of Obama,” he said.

Brayley expounded on a portion of the presentation that explored how history and information have a lot to do with souring people’s opinions toward organized religion.

“It’s reactionary,” Brayley said. “I think there has always been a lot of bad religion, but with the free media and the Internet, the public are able to see a lot of bad religion, and thus it’s less and less of something they want to inherit. With the freedom we have to obtain information, it can be so easy

to disregard religion. If you don’t think and meditate on it, you can quickly develop a rash decision about all religion being bad.”

Silk said secularism is a difficult thing to identify, but is something very apparent to those with spiritual convictions.

“While we can’t define secularism, we can know it when we see it,” Silk said. “If the Constitution is divinely inspired, that would mean that God desired for secularism to exist here.”

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TJ LEYDEN shakes hands with youth from Triumph Academy after his lecture, left. Leyden explained the origins of his former racist attitude at his speech. He is now an activist for tolerance and anti-racism. KASEY VAN DYKE photo





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**JACOB ACTKINSON**, a former Utah State linebacker, has always been an avid wakeboarder and extreme sports enthusiast. Following his graduation from Utah State last spring, Actkinson went on to work for Boardco, an extreme sports company. The Texas native credits his football background and USU education with helping him succeed in the business world. *Photo courtesy Jacob Actkinson*

## Former USU linebacker Actkinson trades in cleats for wakeboard

By JACE MILLER  
staff writer

Everyone has heard about the “stereotypical football player.” They’re just big, dumb, tough guys who can’t do anything but play football. They take easy majors so they can ride through college on the back of a football program, getting out of class, assignments, and tests. They can’t do much beside hit people on the football field, right? Wrong.

Meet Jacob Actkinson, who during his four-year Aggie football career was anything but a stereotypical football player.

Actkinson, who was born and raised in Grapevine, Texas, played for Utah State between 2006-2009. A high school running back, Actkinson hadn’t even heard of Utah State and originally planned to run track in college. After a great senior season, he was recruited by Utah State and came to Logan on a football scholarship. He started out as a running back his freshman year, redshirted,

then switched to fullback the following year. After a season in which he played in every game and had a total of 253 yards and two touchdowns, he injured his shoulder and didn’t play during the 2008 season. He was switched to linebacker during spring drills in 2009.

Switching to linebacker wasn’t an ideal switch for Actkinson, but he said he was willing to make it because of his commitment to the team.

“I probably wouldn’t redo that again,” he said. “I’d never played defense, never played linebacker. It was fun and all but looking back I would’ve rather played running back or fullback.”

Despite the switch, he still loved playing the game, loved traveling, and loved being around the team. He played sparingly as a backup at linebacker in 2009, but left the team during the offseason last year. While he had another year of eligibility left for the Aggies, Actkinson, ever an over-achiever, was on to bigger and better things.

Not that he doesn’t still

love his Aggies, however. The Texas native is still a die-hard Aggie who attends games regularly. He was in Logan for Utah State’s win over Idaho State and also for the blowout win over BYU.

“I still have a lot of friends on the team and don’t like to be too far out of the loop,” he said. “I definitely follow the games every week, like when they played Oklahoma I followed them on my phone the entire game.”

Actkinson, who graduated from USU with a dual business entrepreneurship and economics degree, is still very involved in sports, and is putting his Utah State education to use. He is working for Boardco.com – one of the largest wakeboard retailers in the country – as a manager. An avid wakeboarder since middle school, Actkinson was hired by Boardco after an internship hosted by the company during the summer. He said he stumbled across the internship on Wakeworld.com, and as an outdoor sports enthusiast, he, naturally, was very interested.

Actkinson outperformed the other candidates and nabbed the internship. This was not the end of the “game,” however. He had secured the internship, but still didn’t have a job. It was the fourth quarter, and there was no time to sit down and relax. That’s when his football mentality kicked in. A former weight room warrior at USU, Actkinson worked hard and impressed Boardco so much that, at the end of the summer, he didn’t just have internship to add to his resume, he had a full-time job.

Actkinson, who is the second-most senior person at Boardco, loves the job he has and helps people from the store in Springville, Utah as well as those who buy products online. He talks to customers over the phone, as well as over email, and makes sure they are satisfied with their purchases. He participates in company decisions and personally has used many of the products Boardco sells – making him an

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## Beasts for an afternoon

Aggie women’s rugby players bring toughness, enthusiasm to campus

By STOREE POWELL  
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Reannon King looks like any other young woman at Utah State University. As a social studies major who hopes to go on to teaching, there doesn’t appear to be anything out of the ordinary when it comes to her academic and extra-curricular life at USU.

But King has a secret. On Tuesday afternoons at 5 p.m., she takes to the field outside the HPER building and becomes a beast.

“I love to be told I am a beast,” King said. “For most women in society I think that would be considered a negative thing, but in sports, it is a compliment – like saying, ‘good job.’ Whenever someone calls

me a beast, I stand a little taller. I feel like, ‘that’s right, I’m capable, I’m not going to be pushed over.’”

King, admittedly, is not an actual beast, but as a member of the women’s club rugby team, she’s proud of the often male-oriented compliment. She said while some boys get a little alarmed when they learn she plays rugby, there is at the same time a lot of respect.

“You’re doing something that not a lot of people do, that is cool,” King said. “They think about themselves and think I’m not sure I’d want to hit people. The fact that you go and do that and aren’t some sissy little girl that cries whenever your nail is broken, I think a lot of guys respect that.”

Rugby is the only collegiate full-contact women’s sport, which is part of the appeal for some players.

“I get to tackle people,” King said when asked what initially drew her to the game. “There is mud and dirt everywhere and I decided this was fun.”

While the game is not for sissies, it is for players of all sizes. Team member Vanessa Avila has been playing on the team for four years, and is far from the stereotypical image some may conjure of a women’s rugby player.

She said, “Sometimes people make it sound like we are all men, really tall and big and muscular. But the girls on our team are pretty small, but we are still really good. That is one thing about rugby that I love, no matter

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## BYU, Utah have strong showings in football

By TAVIN STUCKI  
staff writer

Despite blowing out Iowa State of the Big Ten Conference 68-27, the Utes stayed put in the national rankings. In the game, Utah used more than just offense to record the highest point production since a 69-14 win over Wyoming in 1983.

Reggie Dunn returned a kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown in the third quarter to go up 51-20, becoming the first Ute to go that distance since Erroll Tucker returned two 100 yard kickoffs for touchdowns in 1985.

“Special teams gave us a big lift,” Utah head coach Kyle Whittingham said. “Reggie Dunn is electrifying when he has the ball in his hands, so we had a lot of production there. That’s what you get when you combine great defense, solid special teams and an offense that is explosive.”

The Utes outscored Iowa State 31-0 in the second quarter, turning a close game into a blowout.

Senior Shaky Smithson had a 78-yard punt return, a 32-yard touchdown pass and a 61-yard TD reception in the first half.

“Tonight was very important for us... and I just do everything I can to help the team,” said the receiver, who also had two receptions for 75 yards and a touchdown. “I wanted to make a big play every time I get my hands on the ball and get a lot of momentum for my team. We came out and were successful today.”

Defense was also a big factor for the Utes. Iowa State was 0-for-11 on third down conversions and turned the ball over twice, each leading to scores for Utah.

“Everyone was underestimating us and that’s kind of been the story this whole season,” said linebacker Chad Manis, who led the Utes with nine tackles. “We’re going to go out every game and make a statement. We earned our ranking, although that’s not important to us. We’re going to play hard every week.”

Quarterback Jordan Wynn completed 23 of 31 passes for 325 yards and two touchdowns in the rout.

“We did a good job. We went out and did what we needed to do. We did a good job of bouncing back and just executed for the rest of the game,” Wynn said. “I

just started seeing things, and I just rolled with it. As a whole, the offense we just started clicking.”

The Utes will next face Wyoming on Saturday at 6 p.m.

The University of Utah wasn’t the only Beehive State team to win this past weekend. Coming off of a heartbreaking loss to Utah State, Brigham Young University took out its frustration on Mountain West rival San Diego State in a 32-12 statement victory.

The homecoming victory is the first win for BYU since the beginning of the season, when the (2-4) Cougars beat Washington 23-17.

**“Everyone was underestimating us and that’s kind of been the story this whole season. We’re going to go out every game and make a statement”**

— Chad Manis,  
Utah linebacker

Taking the pressure off of freshman quarterback Jake Heaps, the Cougars ran the ball 62 times for 271 yards against San Diego State. Running backs JJ Di Luigi and Bryan Kariya combined for three touchdowns against the Aztecs, and backup Joshua

Quezada contributed as well.

“It is hard for me to separate between Kariya, Quezada and JJ. They all ran very effectively. It was fun to watch and they ran very hard,” said BYU head coach Bronco Mendenhall. “Yards after contact, number of players to the ball, how much they celebrate, how involved players are, those things all demonstrate heart.”

The running game helped the Cougars keep the offense on the field, as they dominated the possession clock for 45:01 compared to 14:59 for the Aztecs.

“Bronco did a good job melting the game clock when they were on offense,” said San Diego State head coach Brady Hoke. “(That) is a good coaching strategy, but we had some opportunities we just didn’t capitalize on.”

The Cougars will next face No. 4 TCU on this Saturday. The game can be seen on Versus at 4 p.m. MST.

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# Adam's WAC football power poll: Week 7

This week's poll has lots of shakeup this week with Utah State and Fresno State suffering setbacks last Saturday, while Louisiana Tech and Hawaii proved that they need to be taken seriously by conference opponents. Too bad we can't say the same for San Jose State and New Mexico State, who round out the bottom of the countdown (again) after less-than-thrilling performances in week six. In other news, Boise State and Nevada continue to garner national attention, with the Broncos now looking primed for a national title run after Alabama's loss.



— and No. 1 — Alabama lost on Saturday. With 1,395 total points, Boise State is not far behind No. 2 Oregon (1,427 total points). The team's 57-14 win over Toledo was the third time this season Boise has hung 50 points or more on an opponent, lengthening the country's longest winning streak to 19 games.



**Boise State (5-0, 1-0):** Ladies and gentleman, the Broncos' national championship hopes just got a lot more interesting. The Broncos moved up to No. 3 in the latest AP Top 25 poll, garnering eight first place votes this week after previously unbeaten — and No. 1 — Alabama lost on Saturday. With 1,395 total points, Boise State is not far behind No. 2 Oregon (1,427 total points). The team's 57-14 win over Toledo was the third time this season Boise has hung 50 points or more on an opponent, lengthening the country's longest winning streak to 19 games.

**Nevada (6-0, 1-0):** As long as the Wolf Pack keep winning, the team will likely find itself rising in the polls. Nevada's offense, ranked seventh in the country in points per game, continues to dominate opponents, while the defense has played respectably. A 35-13 win over San Jose State doesn't speak too much for the team, although two schools the Wolf Pack had previously beaten this year, California and BYU, both won their week six contests. A potentially tricky game against Hawaii awaits, but a win could go a long way to impressing the AP voters and improving the team's national perception. Don't look now, but a win this weekend could even put Nevada in the discussion for BCS-busting status.



**Hawaii (4-2, 2-0):** Last week I made a bold statement by placing the Warriors on top of Fresno State in the rankings, and coach Greg McMackin's team did not let me down. Playing in a hostile atmosphere in Fresno, Hawaii soundly beat the Bulldogs despite committing over 100 yards in penalties and converting less than half of its third-down attempts. The 49-21 win saw Hawaii light up the scoreboard following halftime, with quarterback Bryant Moniz

connected with receiver Greg Salas for three scores. Hawaii may not be able to get away with so many penalties against the likes of Boise State and Nevada, but by dominating the Bulldogs the Warriors quietly stated their case as a contender in a conference race many people assumed would come down to the Wolf Pack and Broncos. So, is Hawaii for real or has Fresno State just fallen that far since its 2-0 start? We'll find out this Saturday when the Warriors host No. 19 Nevada in Honolulu.



**Fresno State (3-2, 1-1):** The Bulldogs are fading fast after two dominating wins to begin the year but they hit a new low against Hawaii. Quarterback Ryan Colburn looked unremarkable for the first time all season, tossing three picks while hitting just 51 percent of his passes. Injuries have hurt the Bulldogs on defense, and given the way the schedule sets up (with upcoming games against New Mexico State and San Jose State), the Bulldogs are still bowl contenders. However, this team is no longer in contention for a conference title, and lost any claim to be a surprise story on the national scene.



**Idaho (3-2, 0-0):** The Vandals are still a mystery, thanks to their inactivity in week six, although their inexplicable loss to an otherwise win-less Colorado State team in week four doesn't help my perception of coach Robb Akey's squad. On the one hand, Idaho currently sports the nation's sixth-best passing attack, but Nathan Enderle — whom many have pegged as a future NFL quarterback — has been erratic. His nine interceptions this year have already equaled his total interception count from 2009, while the Vandal run game is among the 20 least-productive units in the country. Despite a bad loss to Colorado State, Idaho is still in decent position when it comes to getting to a bowl game, although the team could struggle against Louisiana Tech on the road this Saturday.



**Louisiana Tech (2-4, 1-1):** Head Coach Sonny Dykes' team showed that a pulse still beats in Ruston with last week's 24-6 win over Utah State, and offered validity to the argument that Tech's 1-4 start was more on account of stiff competition than any inherent Bulldog failings. Tech put together it's first complete game of the season and stifled an Aggie defense that performed better against the likes of Oklahoma and BYU, but the most impressive element of Tech's win was the play of quarterback Ross Jenkins. Tech's offense also seemed to find two playmakers in running back Lennon Creer and receiver Tim Molton, both of whom had career days and combined for all three of Tech's touchdowns against USU. Is Tech poised to make a possible (not to mention improbable) midseason run? If Dykes and company can pull out a home win against Idaho this Saturday, then a bowl game isn't such an insane proposition.



**Utah State (2-4, 0-2):** Is there a more frustrating team to watch in the conference than USU? The team's back and forth play this season — from a near upset of Oklahoma to a blowout loss to San Diego State to a nationally televised beatdown of BYU — only continued on Saturday when the Aggies dropped a 24-6 decision to Louisiana Tech. The fact that BYU defeated the same San Diego State team that ran over USU only adds confusion to the question, “just who are the Aggies?” It's a question the team and its fans will have an extra week to mull over, but with games against Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada and Boise State still on the schedule, a bowl game is looking increasingly unlikely for the team that came into the year with the goal of being the conference's biggest surprise.



**San Jose State (1-5, 0-1):** Believe you me, I almost came out impressed with the Spartans after watching the team trail Nevada only 14-10 at the conclusion of the first quarter during Saturday's game. Of course, the team managed to revert back to its usual selves by the second half, going scoreless and allowing the Wolf Pack offense to rack up yards in bundles. San Jose State has now lost 12 of its last 14 conference games. Still, I'm favoring the Spartans over New Mexico State for the time being, mostly on account of the Spartans playing a tougher schedule than the southern Aggies.



**New Mexico State (0-1, 1-4):** Yeah, yeah I know. The Aggies picked up their first win of the year, but so what? Beating the University of New Mexico is akin to beating a high school team, and needing a late game field goal to do it doesn't say a lot for the Aggies in my mind. Add in the fact that the team managed just 206 yards against an otherwise pathetic Lobo defense, not to mention 100 Lobo penalty yards and five turnovers, and Saturday's win over New Mexico looks a lot less convincing.

## Game of the Week: Nevada at Hawaii

Nevada brings its fifth-rated rushing attack against a Warrior team which has won four of its last five games, including impressive road wins at Army and Fresno State. A Hawaii upset would be the biggest story so far in the WAC, and could have major implications for a Boise State team which is banking on playing a highly ranked Nevada in November.

*Got beef with my picks? Think I missed the mark? We want to hear from you. Drop me a line at adam.nettina@aggiemail.usu.edu.*

# Chiefs lose first game

By JAKE IPSON  
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The dog days of the football season are quickly approaching. All teams had high hopes entering into the season, but for some, it's time to start playing for pride. After week five, every team in the NFL has now suffered at least one loss.

## Unbeaten No More

The last of the unbeaten teams suffered its first lost in week five when Kansas City Chiefs fell to the Indianapolis Colts 19-9. Despite losing, the Chiefs defense played well against Peyton Manning, holding him under 300 yards passing and not letting him throw a touchdown. The game was tied 9-9 going into the fourth quarter as the two teams exchanged field goals through three quarters. With 4:02 left in the game, Colts running back Mike Hart scored the game's only touchdown to give the Colts the edge.

## BYU Alum Shines

Undrafted former BYU quarterback Max Hall won in his debut against the defending Super Bowl champs, the New Orleans Saints. The Arizona Cardinals put up 30 points against the Saints even though they never scored a passing or rushing touchdown in the game. Hall had a fumble on the two yard line that was picked up and carried in for a touchdown by Cardinal's left tackle Levi Brown in the second quarter. Then in the fourth quarter, the Cardinals scored twice on defense — First on a 27-yard fumble recovery return by Kerry Rhodes, and later on Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie's 28 yard pick six.

Jay Feely had three field goals in the 30-20 win.

## Southern Watch

One division to keep an eye on is the AFC South. After week five, all of the South teams have records of 3-2. As of right now, the Houston Texans and the Jacksonville Jaguars stand at top of the division due to their 1-0 division records. The Indianapolis Colts currently sit in third place because of an 0-2 record in the division. In fourth place are the Tennessee Titans because they haven't played anyone in their division yet.

The two surprises in the division have to be the Jaguars and the Colts. The Jaguars have two good wins against the Denver Broncos and the Colts. Not many would have predicted the Jaguars to have a winning record after five weeks. Even though they have the same record, things don't look quite as good for the Colts. The Colts are doing just fine against teams that are not in the AFC South, with teams in their own division giving the team fits. With the Colts struggling in Division play, the conference division is wide open for the first time in years.

## Still Looking For That First Win

In week five, the Detroit Lions got off of the win-less list and the Detroit Lions in a 44-6 blowout over the St. Louis Rams. That leaves three teams looking for their first win: the Carolina Panthers, Buffalo Bills and San Francisco 49ers. Two of those teams — the Panthers and Bills - will have to wait until week seven to look for that first win since they will have a week six bye. Former Ute and current 49ers quar-

terback Alex Smith's leash is getting shorter and shorter in San Francisco, with 49ers head coach Mike Singletary saying he'll evaluate Smith's status on a week-to-week basis heading forward.

## Week Six Storylines

Heading into this week's action, one thing to keep an eye on is the investigation by the NFL into an alleged incident with Vikings quarterback Brett Favre. Favre may have sent racy photos and messages to a female Jet's employee when he played for the Jets two years ago. The NFL has put the Favre investigation on the fast track and depending on what they find, it could lead to a suspension.

As far as field action in week six, the game to keep an eye on will be the Baltimore Ravens' visit to the New England Patriots. Through five weeks, the Ravens look like one of the best teams in the league. The Ravens have a strong defense, but their one weakness this year is their defensive backs having to play without safety Ed Reed. Also, It will be interesting to see how the Patriots offense will look without wide receiver Randy Moss, who was traded to the Vikings last week. In a separate trade this week, the Patriots reacquired wide receiver Deion Branch from the Seattle Seahawks, but the veteran may not prove to be the deep threat Moss was. New England does still have Tom Brady and he is the engine that makes the Patriot's offense go. Because of this, the matchup to watch will be the Raven defense against the Patriot offense.

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**LEAVING THE UTAH STATE FOOTBALL TEAM** to work for a wakeboarding company was a tough decision for Actkinson, but he still stays in touch with his old teammates and has no regrets about the experience. *Photo courtesy Jacob Atkinson.*

# Wakeboard: Putting USU degree to work

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integral part of the company from sales to leadership. He said he plans to one day own his own company in the action sports market.

“I want to find a niche and get something on the market,” he said.

The values of the football field and the Utah State classroom played a very positive role in helping Actkinson get to where he is today.

“Persistence and always giving your best effort,” he said. “That’s the only way you’ll ever succeed in life. That’s something that was in play on the football field.”

Actkinson also learned to work hard on everything he does and to value his education. He credits his former coach, Gary Andersen, with stressing the academic component of being a college football player at Utah State. Having a degree to fall back on if football doesn't work out is something Andersen preaches, and something Actkinson has proven in the business world.

“Coach Andersen has definitely ingrained academics as being a major focus, he wants all players to put academics first and get their degree,” Actkinson said. “I believe that hard work will always pay off in the long run, and I’ve seen it happen to a lot of people. I believe that if you have a dream, if you work hard enough,

eventually it will come true.”

As for that education, it's second to none in Atkinson's mind. Getting his dual major in business entrepreneurship and economics was no cake-walk, and while he was not on the field he found himself working hard in the classroom. The challenging nature of earning his degree is something the young entrepreneur takes pride in.

“I took a lot away from Dan Holland's management and entrepreneur classes,” Atkinson said. “I enjoyed those classes by far the most because I see those as the most helpful in the (business) field and that have the most to do with people.”

Actkinson has been a hard worker on the field, in school, and in the other aspects of his life. He definitely doesn't believe the stereotype about football players.

“There's a lot more to a football player than just sports. Student athletes aren't just hard workers on the football field, they bust their butts in the classroom and they're not just meat-heads,” he said.

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**REANNON KING (RIGHT) AND ANNIE SMITH (LEFT)** have helped lead the Utah State women's rugby team to a 1-2 start this season. King, a social studies major who hopes to go into teaching following college, said she doesn't mind being called a "beast," and considers the term a compliment for her toughness on the field. USU's rugby team competes on the club level, and will host the University of Montana at the HPER field on Nov. 6. **ADAM NETTINA** photo

# Rugby: These Aggie girls don't mind bumps and bruises

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what size you are, you can play."

Avila, majoring in family, consumer and human development, said that many of the parents and friends of the players were surprised when they learned their daughters were playing rugby. The surprise soon sets sail, however, and gives way to a level of respect and admiration.

"When you do it, you see 'I can do it, I can hit people.' Guys are always impressed when I tell them I play rugby, and they want to come to the games. I don't know if it necessarily gets us a lot of dates, but it's a cool thing," Avila said.

More than half of USU's team consists of new players, with little to no previous rugby experience. So far the team stands at 1-2, though they have also won a few unofficial rookie games. One of those losses came in a game against Weber State in which the Aggies lost by a single point.

While many of the players haven't played rugby before, rough and tough is nothing new.

Avila said, "When we get bruises, a lot of people are alarmed. But we try to get bruises – it is like the trophy for playing to show you're tough."

Annie Smith, a freshman, said this is her first time playing rugby and she never thought it would be something she'd do.

"I've always been the little pansy in

my family. My brothers played rugby and they'd try to get me to come be their practice tackle. I always hated it. I did swim team and cross country," she said.

Jessica Rich, a junior majoring in nutrition, said, "I played different sports growing up, like basketball, but I fouled a lot so rugby is good for me. I've always liked being rough."

Rich, who has been playing for two years, said she finds it very therapeutic to go out and hit somebody, while Smith said the physical contact is empowering.

"The first time I hit someone, I was like, 'this is awesome!' We compare bruises, but at the same time you're not out there trying to rip each other apart," Smith said.

Despite the fact that they often hit each other on the practice field, the team members are best friends off the field, Smith said. Like the physical contact, camaraderie is a common theme in rugby that attracts the players.

King said she has been playing sports since she was five, but wasn't on a team last year, which is when she realized how much she missed it. A

former roommate who joined Utah Valley University's rugby team encouraged King to try it. King said that she hadn't felt as much unity in the other sports she's played. She said rugby is different because "you get rid of your personal bubbles pretty quick."

King said: "This is our social life, it may sound like a punishment, but there's a bond you don't have with others like a roommate. You don't see them sweating and dying for you. Their hair is everywhere, sometimes they're bleeding, and you know they aren't doing it just for themselves. They are sacrificing their body for the team, and that is very empowering because it is like this is a family."

Smith said rugby provides the best sportsmanship she's ever experienced.

"I saw the rugby team on the quad and I thought, 'Yeah right, you guys are scary.' But I came the first day and I loved it because if you get knocked down hard there is always someone to help you up from your team or the other team. It makes it a lot less scary," Smith said.

The team not only plays together, but works together as well. Avila said because it is a club sport, the students

are in charge of everything. She said that while they do get some funding from the university, they put the team together, schedule games, paint the field, and find their own coaches.

Avila also said the older and more experienced players try to teach the new players so when others graduate they can take care of the team. The team is always looking for new players, and tryouts are not required.

"Anyone can play. I grew up playing sports with my brothers, and I've always been kind of a rough woman, but I don't have any rugby experience," Avila said. "Our goal is to have fun and have a good team attitude."

Avila said that as a women's sport, rugby is sometimes underestimated. While the ball is a different size for men and women, all the rules are the same. It could be seen as demeaning to have a smaller ball, but everything else is equal, Avila said.

"The community should support women's sports more," Avila said. "Sometimes I think we might get shafted because of our gender. Don't forget women's sports are also important. We are a lot of fun to watch. Can you imagine a bunch of girls tackling each other?"

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Home Game Schedule (at the HPER field):	
Nov. 6	Montana 10 a.m.
Nov. 13	BYU 11 a.m.
Nov. 20	Salt City Slugs 11 a.m.

# Gridiron struggles got you down? The hardwood awaits

It's a definite mystery to me just how the Utah State football team goes from thrashing Brigham Young on national TV one week to getting torn apart by Louisiana Tech the next. Common wisdom would be to say that this year's Aggies just can't put things together on the road, but there's the Oklahoma game, which was against the best team the Aggies has played this year, in probably the toughest atmosphere that Utah State will visit in 2010. Somehow the Aggies managed to only lose that game by seven points, while losing the other two road games against Louisiana Tech and San Diego State by a combined 52 points.

Mysterious indeed, but for pretty much the first time this year, I'm going to move away away from talking football. After all, they do have the week off, and on top of that, I'm not sure what else can really be said about this team other than the bits about injuries and needing to execute better on the road.

Instead this week, it's time to finally talk about something glorious, which is rapidly approaching. I'm referring, of course, to the beginning of Utah State basketball season.

Starting Friday, the Aggie men will begin official team practices for a season that looks as promising as just about any other season ever has, with the team returning seven of its top eight scorers from a team that won 27 games, a third consecutive Western Athletic Conference regular season championship and earned a second straight bid to



the NCAA Tournament.

Simply put, the 2010-2011 Aggies are loaded with talent and experience, and based on the incoming recruiting class, they'll be receiving quite the boost in athleticism from a duo of incoming point guards in junior Brockeith Pane and freshman James Walker.

Upon a glance at the recruiting rankings from ESPN.com, Walker appears to be the top overall recruit in the entire WAC from the 2010 class, carrying an overall rating of 92 out of 100, and ranked as the No. 42 rated shooting guard in the country. Pane's prowess isn't far behind, as he was also rated a 92 by ESPN.com out of high school.

Mix in a two junior college All-Americans, the top big-man recruit from in-state and a couple more athletes with star potential and you've got what looks to be head coach Stew Morrill's best recruiting class he's had at Utah State. Obviously, time will tell if that really is the case, but when it comes to maximizing a player's potential, nobody has seemed to have mastered the art quite like Morrill.

Recruits aren't the real reason why this year's basketball team looks to be something special, though. The real reason for excitement is the returning players, which include essentially everybody from a year ago who isn't named Jared Quayle or Jaxon Myaers.

Starters Pooh Williams, Tyler Newbold, Nate Bendall and Tai Wesley all return for their senior seasons, while Brian Green, Preston Medlin, Matt Formisano and Brady Jardine should all be back into

their roles as superstars off the bench. Throw in University of Utah transfer Morgan Grim, and the Aggies' core looks as deep and as solid as ever.

The production from Pane and Walker looks to be the real key to the season, seeing as how they look to plug the only voids left from last year's team. If the hype surrounding both of those players is any indication as to how they are capable of performing, Utah State should cruise to a fourth straight WAC championship this season.

Obviously there is still plenty of football to be played, and there is still a very real chance at a bowl game for Utah State, but with the bye week for football and with the calendar getting close enough to the new season, it was finally time to get the gears turning on the basketball hype machine. I have a tough time believing that this season will be anything less than epic.

Oh, and there's that whole Spectrum place that seems to excite people, too.

Team practices start Friday, while exhibition games start Oct. 30 and the regular season officially begins one month from today. In other words, it's the most wonderful time of the year if you're an Aggie fan, even if the football team may be back to its struggling ways.

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# Tennis Competes in Boise

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Utah State men's tennis team traveled to Boise, Idaho this weekend to compete in the 2010 Boise State Fall Tennis Classic. The team competed for three days, starting on Friday, caompeting against several other schools, including Montana, Montana State and Gonzaga

The tournament was comprised of orange, blue and open single flights as well as orange and blue open doubles flights with consolation rounds for each singles and doubles flights.

Junior Lenny Whiting led the Aggies in singles competition on Friday, advancing to the third round of the singles orange flight. Whiting enjoyed a bye in the first round. He went on to defeat Montana State's Kenny Dodd, 4-6, 6-4, 6-2. Whiting takes on Utah's Alejandro Medenilla Saturday at 10 a.m. USU's senior Jakob Asplund and sophomore Sven Poslusny advance in the singles blue flight consolation third round.

In doubles action, Asplund and freshman Fredrik Peterson defeated Seattle's David Kovas and Jordan Prince, 8-3, in the first round of the doubles blue flight. Sophomore Sven Poslusny and senior Alex Thatcher also advanced in the blue flight after a bye in the first round, while Whiting and Thatcher advance to the second round of the orange flight after defeating Gonzaga's Muzeen Ismath and Levin Guillermo, 8-2.

In Saturday singles competition, senior Jakob Asplund was the sole Aggie to advance to Sunday action. Asplund defeated Air Force's Alex Grubbs, 6-2, 4-6, 10-5 and Eastern Washington's Luis Altimires, 6-4, 6-4 in the second and quarterfinal rounds of the singles blue flight consolation. Asplund holds a 4-2 singles record in tournament action so far this fall. In the second round, Poslusny defeated Oregon's Duncan MacDonald-Korth, 6-3, 5-7, 10-8. However, he then fell to Idaho's Alex Joitoui in straight sets, 6-3, 6-3.

The USU duo Poslusny and senior Bryan Marchant were lone Aggies in Sunday doubles competition. Poslusny and Marchant defeated Gonzaga's Scott Sullivan and Zhia Hwa Chong, 8-4, and Montana's Carl Kuschke and David Cysneiros, 8-5, in the doubles blue flight second and quarterfinal rounds.

Sven Poslusny and Bryan Marchant won the blue doubles flight title on Sunday, against Idaho's Lachlan Reed and Abid Akbar highlighting Utah State's final day of action in Boise.

Poslusny and Marchant took the first-place title in the blue doubles flight after defeating Idaho's Lachlan Reed and Abid Akbar, 8-5, and Air Force's Lance Wilhelm and Andy Jackson, 8-6, in the semifinal and final rounds. With the wins, Poslusny and Marchant improved to a perfect 4-0 doubles record this season.

Men's tennis will compete in more pre-season competition this weekend. The Salt Lake City invitational will be held Oct. 14-16.

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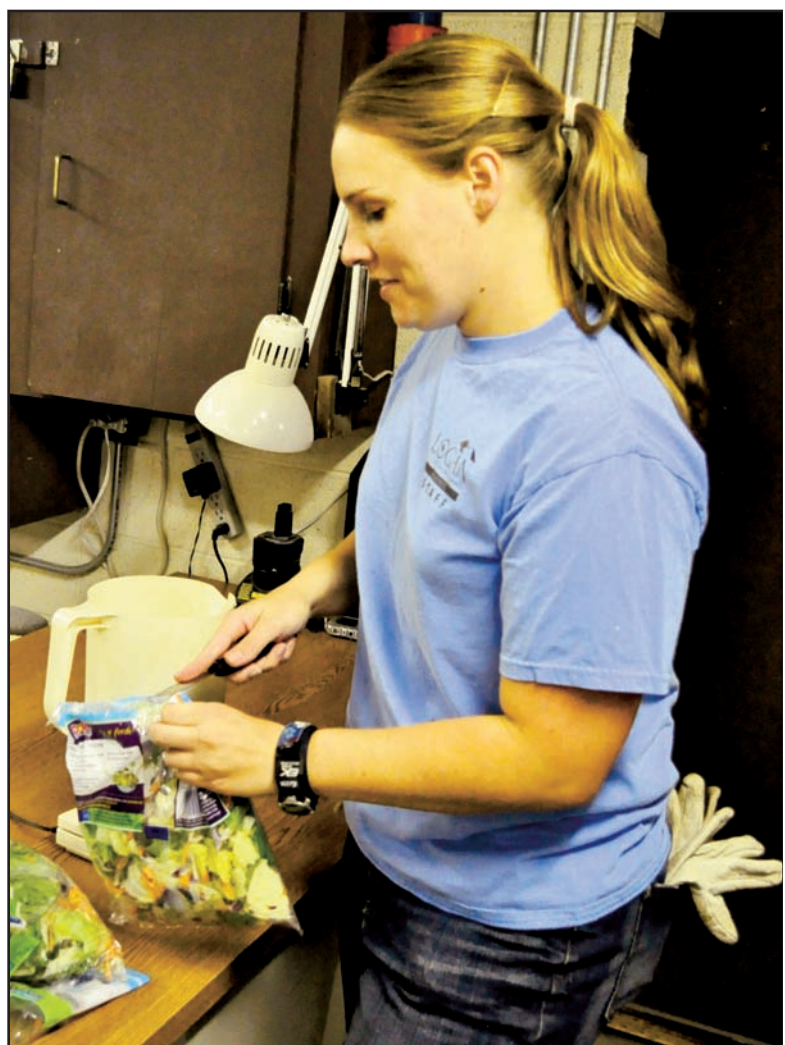


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**MICHELLE SAGER, JUNIOR** in animal science, feeds the wallabies at the Willow Park Zoo, left. Below, Sagers prepares a meal for the monkeys. Sagers has been working at the zoo for three years. Sagers said she has never felt threatened by the animals but has had some nerve-racking experiences. *BRECK BYINGTON photos*



## Tails of a zoo keeper

*A day in the life of professions across Cache Valley*

By CHELSEE NIEBERGALL  
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For Michelle Sagers, being a zoo keeper at Willow Park Zoo is more than just a walk in the park. "This job is a lot of work but I love it because I get to apply what I am studying," Sagers said. Sagers is a junior at Utah State studying animal science. Every morning, Sagers comes in and unlocks the zoo and counts the money from the day before. Next she does the feedings for the animals. Each animal has a specific diet. Sagers has to make sure the animals get what they need and the right amount of it. "I have to go and check on the animals, too, and make sure everyone is alive and well," she said. Sagers said she occasionally finds deceased animals. When she does, she either has to find out the animal's cause of death

or dispose of the creature. "It is a natural part of life. It is something I have had to get used to and be prepared for but I still feel bad when an animal dies," Sagers said. After the feeding and checking on the animals, Sagers does some basic maintenance around the zoo. She fixes fences, changes the water and cleans the animal pens. She said her first day, three years ago, was filled with excitement rather than anxiety. "My trainer showed me how to feed the animals and I was so excited to be working at the zoo that I wasn't nervous at all," Sagers said. Though animals don't escape often, Sagers said a dove once got loose. Sagers said the dove was difficult to catch and she had to chase him around until she finally cornered him and could return him to where he belonged. Sagers said if an animal does become loose, there are certain procedures zoo keepers must go through. The things they

do depend on the type of animal that gets out. If it is a non-threatening animal, zoo keepers will track it down and put it back in its cage. However, if it is a threatening animal and could hurt any of the visitors, they have to shut down the zoo until the animal is found and put away. Sagers said she has never felt threatened by any animal, but mention an experience with the zoo's raptors, or birds of prey like hawks or eagles. She said she was taking some meat into the raptors pen, the raptors flew at her and she had to toss the food away. "They weren't trying to attack me, I just had their food and they were flying towards it, but it was still scary," she said. Zoo keepers have to learn animal behaviors so they can predict how the animal is going to act. Sagers said they also have to learn how certain animals react to different situations

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## On-campus food pantry waiting to feed students

By MELODY CAMPBELL  
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There is good news for hungry college students at USU – they no longer have to live off of ramen noodles. Jordan Hunt, a sophomore in English literature studies, is the director of the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC), an on-campus food pantry. Hunt said the process is easy. He said students simply need to visit the pantry on a Monday or Thursday between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Students need only bring their ID, and they will be given the food that they need. "We don't have any other requirements than student ID," Hunt said. Hunt said he started working with the Service Center when he first arrived on campus last fall. He said he had donated to the pantry at his previous school, Southern Utah University, and noticed that Utah State University didn't have one. "Housing got involved, and gave us an office in the trailer park," Hunt said. Hunt said SNAC first began operation in February, and they have since relocated to TSC 329. "We want people to know where we are ... we're kind of tucked away in a corner," Hunt said. "Our initial inventory came from the Cache County Pantry, but since then we donated four times the amount back to them." The food comes to the pantry through

donations, mainly from student organizations. "Huge contributors are the fashion show, housing has donated. Just different clubs on campus that wanted to do a canned food drive," Hunt said. He said students who may need the pantry's services shouldn't be concerned about confidentiality. According to a SNAC handout, no information about income is gathered in order to determine who receives food. The only stipulation they have is that students with children are referred to the Cache Community Food Pantry, which offers a wider variety of services, he said. Hunt said he is gathering information about the other social services on campus and in the valley that students coming to the pantry might find useful. "People who need food need it for a secondary reason. Usually people need help in other areas," he said. The handout also give students instruction for donating food, which can be dropped off during regular office hours. If the donation needs to be picked up by SNAC, then a week's notice is needed. Hunt said during September, SNAC activities constituted almost 200 hours of service. Volunteers are trained in both confidentiality and active listening. Hunt said they couldn't measure the value of the food. "We are feeding people, which is inval-

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**VARUNA PONNAMPERUMA STOCKS** the shelves of the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC), an on-campus food pantry. Students need only bring their ID, and they will be given the food that they need. *KATELYN BATTLES photo*



# Learn how to eat with the seasons

Every weekend at the Cache Valley Gardners' Market, Utah State's Food Sense Nutrition Education people host a booth where they make a dish featuring a fresh ingredient that is currently in season. They give out samples and recipe cards and it's always really delicious. Their goal is to encourage people to eat with the seasons.

Each fruit and vegetable has a time when it's at its seasonal best, which means better flavor, more crunch and maximum nutritious value. It's also usually the time of year that you can get it the cheapest. Because we have supermarkets full of every kind of produce all year round, you may not know when a lot of fruits and vegetables are at their peak. Most people know that apples and pumpkins are in season in the fall, but did you know broccoli, cauliflower, butternut squash, pears, bell peppers, corn, sweet potatoes, zucchini, blackberries and lettuce are all in season too?

Whenever you can buy produce locally it's going to be the freshest, but when you can't (and you can't always), at least try to buy the stuff that's in season so you can get it fresher and save money.

Right now butternut squash is hip, and these two recipes will help you get a few more ideas on how to use it, or if you've never had it before, how to try it! When buying a butternut squash choose one that is heavy for its size. The more orange the flesh is the sweeter and riper it will be.

This recipe uses two ingredients that are at their peak this month: apples and butternut squash. It's a perfect warm, light dinner when served with bread on a chilly fall evening.



**APPLE BUTTERNUT BISQUE** uses two ingredients that are at their peak this month: apples and butternut squash. *JENNELLE CLARK photo*

## Apple Butternut Bisque

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 2 cups apple cider
- 3 cups water
- 1 medium butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut into 1 inch cubes\* (you should have 5-6 cups)
- 1/4 cup maple syrup
- 1 cup half and half
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg salt to taste

– Melt the butter in a large pot over medium heat.

– Add the onions and sauté, stirring often, until lightly browned – about 20 minutes. (This method is called caramelizing. It makes the onions sweet, which compliments the natural sweetness of the butternut).

– Add the cider, water and squash and bring to a boil.

– Simmer until the squash is very soft, 20-25 minutes. (If the squash does not get soft enough, your soup won't have as smooth of a texture and may turn out like applesauce.)

– Remove from heat and carefully pour into a blender. Puree until the mixture is consistently smooth. (Depending on the size of your blender you may have to work in batches).

– Return the soup the pot and add the maple syrup, half and half, nutmeg and salt.

– Top with diced apples and candied or toasted pecans.  
\*To peel a butternut squash you can use a regular vegetable/potato peeler. Once the skin is removed cut it in half lengthwise and scoop out the seeds like you would a pumpkin.

This recipe pairs butternut squash with sage, which is one of the most common ways it is served.

## Pan-Fried Pasta with Butternut Squash and Sage

- 1 1/2 pounds butternut squash (about 4 cups chopped)
- 1/3 cup onion, diced fine
- 3 medium garlic cloves, minced
- 3-4 tablespoons olive oil, divided use
- salt and pepper to taste
- 2 teaspoons dried sage, divided use
- 8 ounces bow-tie pasta
- 1/2 cup pine nuts

4 ounces shredded Parmesan cheese

– Seed, peel and chop the squash into one-inch cubes.

– In a medium bowl combine 2 tablespoons olive oil, onion, garlic, 1 teaspoon sage, salt and pepper and toss over the squash.

– Spread the squash out on a baking sheet and roast at 400 degrees for 20-30 minutes until it's soft and barely starting to brown.

– Meanwhile, boil and drain the pasta according to directions on package. Set aside.

– When the squash is almost done heat remaining olive oil in a large skillet. Add the remaining teaspoon of sage and sauté, stirring constantly, for one minute.

– Add the pasta, squash and pine nuts to the pan and cook until the pasta is hot and starting to get crispy on the edges and the pine nuts are browned. Sprinkle with parmesan cheese.

What are your favorite seasonal dishes? Email Jennelle your fall recipes at [jenn.nelle@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.nelle@gmail.com).

# Program provides nutritional information to students

By JESS WALLACE  
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Health myths, quick fixes, extreme diet habits and a variety of medications have erupted into existence as a result of the public's wish to feel better, but lack of money to do it correctly.

Fortunately, there are programs in place to help. Food \$ense was started by the USU Extension Office to give the community awareness of certain eating practices.

"Our main goal is to give nutrition information to people who are on food stamps, so that they may use their food stamps more wisely," said Ashley Linschoten, a nutrition education assistant for Food \$ense.

"I know when I was a cashier at Wal-Mart I would see people come through my line that were paying with food stamps, but were purchasing chips, cookies, frozen dinners, etc. We want to show them that it's actually less expensive and healthier to buy fresh ingredients," she said.

According to their official website, the Food \$ense nutrition education program aims to help those low-income families budget properly and get the best nutrition out of what they can afford. Food \$ense has been working to prove the community wrong about their ideas of cheap affordable food and to provide the necessary education to improve their diets and habits. They also provide instruction on how to prepare nutrient-dense food.

"All of our lessons are based on MyPyramid and the Dietary Guidelines as determined by the USDA," said Candi Merritt, the Food \$ense supervisor for Cache County.

Merritt said the Food \$ense curriculum covers the details of MyPyramid and Dietary Guidelines addressing the different food groups, physical activity and disease prevention. She said other curriculum cover things like cooking basics and when different vegetables are in season and how to use them.

Merritt said now the project was initially designed for lower income families on food stamps or other welfare programs. However, Food \$ense has expanded and been proven to be useful to more than just welfare recipients.

"Our program is a good fit for people who are eligible for

Food Stamps or who are Food Stamp recipients," said Merritt. "Particularly, our program serves well the needs of married students who live in Aggie Village ... or other married student housing because we already have a class set up and running for this group."

Merritt said they teach the first and third Tuesday of each month in the Aggie Village Community Kitchen, located in the same building as the MASA office. She said their resources aren't limited to this group of people, and can set up a class or individual instruction with anyone who qualifies for the program.

Only 50 percent of the people taught have to qualify for the program, Merritt said. She said they do have the freedom to teach to individuals or groups even if they don't qualify, and determine whether or not the group is a good fit for the program on a case by case basis.

Anyone who would qualify for such assistance, such as students of lesser income, can have the same benefits as those on food stamps.

"Since our program is catered toward lower income individuals, I think students would really benefit from these classes," said Linschoten. "All the lessons that we teach have great nutrition information that clears up a lot of misconceptions about nutrition that are currently out there. Also we give out a ton of recipes at every lesson and we also make at least one of those recipes at the class for the individuals that attend to try."

Food \$ense is free resource available to students. To take advantage of this program or to find out dates, times and topics of these classes, call 435-752-6263.

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# The magic number eight

Now, before I get to this week’s main topic, I want to make one thing perfectly clear: I hate politics. There is no way around it. You can have me watch C-Span from now until kingdom come, force me to move in with Andersen Cooper or spoon-feed me exit polls until I’m blue in the face, and I’m positive I’ll still care as little about our governmental issues as most people do about Pauley Shore.

With this in mind, I am clearly aware my time was due for me to express my political views, because that’s what we columnists do. We are given 30 hearty column inches and a topic with which to express our feelings so you, the reader, can gauge your opinions on the matter.

And we get paid to do this. Pretty sweet huh? As I took time to study the current issues in America (meaning I skimmed the “highest views” links on YouTube while my Spaghetti-O’s were heating up) I came to conclude that the sure-fire most pertinent topic in the news today is Proposition 8.

Why this ever-intensively vital proposition, you ask? I mean, c’mon, the issues surrounding Proposition 8 may be the most important we’ve encountered in modern America, the decision in its text hang upon the values of everyone in this country.

Alright, alright, so I really I have no clue what Proposition 8 even talks about – I think it’s something along the lines of not eating red meat inside bars of public restaurants, something called the “Clean Livestock Act” – but Stephen Colbert keeps telling me it’s important, so I feel I should raise my voice to the concern.

My view on the topic is pretty concrete, and I feel, can’t really be countered. Regardless of the main topics and arguments on the matter, what TV analysts and editorial cartoon tell you, or your feelings of the Swedish meatballs at Ikea, one fact puts it all to rest. That is, you can never, ever, under any circumstance, trust the number eight.

I’m sure you’ve never thought of this, but trust me it’s incredibly vital. The number eight has been an intricate catalyst to some of the most trying times in our known history. Let’s break it down for just a second.

Consider all the tragic and grief stricken experiences



that have spawned through the number eight and you’ll see where I’m coming from. There were eight players involved in the 1919 Chicago White Sox baseball scandal, the Irish population peaked at eight million just before the potato famine took place, eight persecuted reindeer are put under pain and agony via Santa Claus’ whip every Christmas Eve.

Take out your thumbs, easily the most reliable of the phalanges, and you’ll have what? Eight. It never ends.

Remember how rigid Kobe Bryant’s play was on the basketball court when his number was eight? Look at how many concussions the eight-wielding Steve Young had in football, or even, dare I say it, the song featuring the lyrics “itsy bitsy teenie weenie yellow polka-dot bikini” debuted on Aug. 8, 1960. That’s two eights in one. Oh, the humanity.

Needless to say, that notorious number has caused too much pain, but none worse than what it almost did to Buzz and Woody in “Toy Story.” Think about it: these heroic warriors of plastic were exiled from their two-story home, almost run over by numerous vehicles, lost limbs, lost all sense of hope in the world and were inches short of death by explosion via the deranged mind of Sid Phillips.

Remember how it all began? It all came to a head when Woody was caught by the allure of a Magic 8 Ball, the most deceptive of all fortune-telling playthings. The infamous message revealed inside that ball unraveled a line of heart-wrenching and nearly fatal events for two defenseless toys who just wanted to be loved. Had that rocket not been placed as well as it was when falling toward Andy’s van, how broken our hearts would have been. Eight has come too close to ruining so much good in our lives, and we can’t let that happen any longer. Our time has come.

So it’s my call to you, Aggies. Stand up in lieu of the most trying political issue plaguing our nation and make things right. Rise up and put a stop to the number eight. Sign petitions, start a “March Against Even Numbers” rally, rip every package of hot dog buns (ever notice how many they carry? It’s a conspiracy) and let the world know you are not going to take it any more. Do anything you can.

For we, the people, citizens united for good, deserve our rights, our freedom and integers that reflect the values we hold so dear. If that’s not change we can count on, I don’t know what is.

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## Extension offers students research opportunities

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Utah State’s Cooperative Extension offers opportunities for people throughout Utah to become more involved in research at the university and find practical application to their own lives. They include programs that teach, at little or no cost, elements of agriculture, economics or finance.

With the passing of the Morrill Act in 1862, land grant universities got their start. After a succession of government acts, including the Smith-Lever Act in 1914, the Cooperative Extension service was established. It involves a three-way cooperation between federal, state and county organization and funds.

“(Cooperative Extension) brings information created at the university to bear on the lives of the public,” said Chuck Gay, associate vice president for Cooperative Extension. Gay has been involved with the Extension program since 1964.

Each county in Utah contains one extension office, with a few situation-based exceptions, in space provided by the county. The county also provides the offices with secretaries and transportation involved with the program.

The University Extension pays the salaries of their employees, Gay said, and federal funds provided are matched by the state. The different offices focus on what is needed by the people in the specific area, testing and researching the various soils and climate, and providing relevant information for that county.

Gay said some counties have different programs than others. Rich County, for instance, has only one agent of Extension, who deals mostly with livestock due to the climate of Rich County.

The Cooperative Extension, though originally created with an agriculture and a home-economics emphasis under the Smith-Lever Act, had enough open-ended legislation to allow the programs to change as time and lifestyles evolved, Gay said.

“When we were created 80 percent of the public was engaged in agriculture,” he said, “now less than two percent are involved in the actual production.”

However, he said, a lot of this change has been facilitated by the research provided through the Extension program finding more efficient means to deal with agricultural problems and other research that is pertinent to the public.

A pamphlet about Utah State’s Cooperative Extension lists agriculture, natural resources, home and family, finance and consumer life, food, nutrition and health,

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**A BROWN CAPUCHIN MONKEY** is one of the many animals located at the Willow Park Zoo. BRECK BYINGTON photo

## Zoo: Working with animals

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so the zoo keepers can keep themselves safe.

“There is a pheasant that always tries to get out. He is always waiting right by the gate and tries to run out when I open it,” she said.

Another part of Sagers’ job is to patrol the zoo and make sure that the visitors are behaving properly. She has to make sure no one is feeding the animals and that they don’t bring their dogs into the zoo. Sagers also has to make sure that the restrooms are clean, which she said is the worst part of her job.

“The people restrooms are worse than the animals’ restrooms,” Sagers said.

Sagers said she has also learned how to work with birds since she started working at the zoo. Previously, she had only worked with farm animals but now has experience in a wide range of animal care.

“I love all the animals in the zoo, but I enjoy the deer and the wallabies the most, I think,” Sagers said. “Before I had this job I worked at a laundromat and it was miserable, but I love this job so much. I love working with the animals.”

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# What will you be?

## Creative Halloween costumes on a budget

Halloween is one of the most mind-exercising holidays we have around. Year after year, we are required to think of something new and clever to gallivant around in. After 20 some-odd years, that is a lot of creativity being expressed. It is bound to run out eventually, and then what? For a little extra creativity boost, here are some different, random and cheap Halloween costumes you might want to try on for size.

### Grapes

Classic fruit, in a life-size style. This costume takes literally minutes to put together, and it is quite creative and easy to do. Take some solid color balloons, green or purple, whatever your favorite grape color happens to be, and blow them up. Wear a shirt or body suit of the same balloon color. With the help of a friend, safety pin the balloons in a triangular pattern all over your outfit. To go a little further, make a green felt hat or spray your hair green to top your grape bunch off with a stylish stem.

### Lame excuses

Wear regular clothing, and cover yourself in really bad excuses. “My dog ate it...” “I tried to call...” things like that. Wrap your foot in a bandage wrap, and walk around on crutches.

### Bag of jelly beans

Continuing the balloon theme, get a bag of multicolored solid balloons. Get a large clear garbage bag and cut four holes for your arms and legs. Step into the bag and fill in the space with the blown up colored balloons. Make a cardboard sign that clearly labels what you are, or remake the “Jelly Belly” logo to really blow this costume out of the water. Tie the top of the bag around the neck with some ribbon and just like that, you have been transformed into a common Easter treat.

### Bubble bath

This costume sadly does not require the use of balloons. Get a solid colored plastic tub, the ones that work best are the circular toy buckets. Cut out the bottom of the bucket, so that it can slide over the body easily. Take cotton-fluff and glue it to the top of the bucket, to create the bubbles for your bath. The extra touch here is some glitter spray, to give it a very realistic look. Make a hat or headband and glue some of the cot-

ton to the top, so people can see just how enjoyable that bubble bath is. Add a rubber ducky to the hat, and string two suspenders of ribbon to your bubble-bath pantsuit. Carry around bubbles to include passers-by in your bath-taking experience.

### Double rainbow

This is a costume that requires the help of another person. Take your friend and go all out, or wear as little rainbow attire as you would like. Label yourselves as “Double Rainbow.” There you have it, you have transformed into an extremely popular, yet ridiculous, YouTube video. If you really want to go all the way, find a third friend and have him follow you two around and cry at your beauty.

### Blue jeans

This is another couple/friend costume. Both of you wear all blue, and for the extreme, paint your skin and hair blue as well. One of you wear a sign reading “Jean” and the other “Gene” and you have just become a very popular article of clothing, a pair of blue jeans.

### Thunderstorm

Wear all blue scrubs and purchase some of the cotton (that was used for the bubbles above) and glue it in a cloud shape to your shirt. Spray paint a slight gray color. Cut out a yellow felt lightning bolt and glue it down one of your legs. Carry a squirt gun or water bottle so spectators get the full effect.

### Frank Einstein

Purchase an Albert Einstein wig, or work the Einstein magic on the hair you already have and spray it green. Wear a lab coat, pocket protector and other science-type things. Wear an appropriate name tag with the name “Frank.”

### Elmer’s Glue

Become the ever-so-famed elementary school supply by first dressing yourself in an all white sweat suit. Wear a bright orange beanie, and paint your face orange. Attach random objects all over your person to appropriately represent the adhesiveness you are portraying.

information gathered by WHITNEY PAGE

# SNAC: Providing for the hungry

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able,” he said. Lisa Vaughn is the adviser for SNAC, as well as the Community Service Coordinator. She said before starting up the pantry, people around campus were asked whether such a service was needed. “As long as they keep saying yes, we’ll keep offering the service, until it is no longer needed, and then I guess we’ve accomplished our mission,” she said. Vaughn said she wanted students to be able to put their education first. She said she

didn’t want anyone to have to give up their education because the couldn’t afford to eat. “My favorite part about working with SNAC is seeing the enthusiasm of the students,” Vaughn said. Any students wishing to volunteer should contact SNAC via email at [snac@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:snac@aggiemail.usu.edu). – [melody.campbell@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:melody.campbell@aggiemail.usu.edu)

# Research: Applying to students’ lives

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business and economics, gardening and 4-H and youth as areas each comprising their own programs which provide information, both in seminar and pamphlet form, to the public at little or no cost. The programs that do charge a fee use those monies to pay for printing, food consumed, or other program costs. One program that does have a large fee is the “Master Gardener” program, which is also more time-consuming. Designed to help the public better understand and enjoy gardening, it is generally a 12-week course, four hours each week with at least 40 hours of volunteer service expected, said Dean Miner, Utah County agriculture agent and county director. The gardening program demonstrates the way Extension provides training to the community which can then be used to help the community directly. Miner said it provides a way for more and more people to be positively affected by the research that happens at Utah State. Miner said that people touching other people is the way the program counts its contacts. With the network of people trained by the program who then meet and help other people in the community, the yearly number of contacts reached is estimated at 250,000 people in Utah County. Though Utah County is largely urban, it has many programs which are involved with the farms and agriculture of the area. Miner said the “Farm Field Day” for second-graders is especially popular. This program occurs twice a year, one week in the spring and one in the fall. Students are exposed to the different areas of agriculture production, like the county equestrian park or a sheepdog demonstration. Fourteen different learning stations are included with representatives of all agricultural commodities. Miner said this program is important because most residents have little real understanding of where food comes from. Most counties have a similar outreach program, he said. Miner said he is involved with many aspects of the farming life in Utah County,

but the county also offers help with debt reduction through a website, as well as other programs. Miner said he has enjoyed his work – he is in his 24th year – because of the way things have changed over time. He said he grew up on a small dairy farm in Utah County and has watched the way the area has developed to become more urban. With Extension, he said, he has dealt with a variety of different issues, from volunteer tax assistance to farm compost. “Being able to make a real difference in the grassroot level of people’s lives, from why tomatoes aren’t doing real well, to a 10 year old being able to get a blue ribbon and that self-esteem, to relieving debt, being able to make a difference, one life at a time,” Miner said. The counties each offer a variety of classes and activities. Many of them put a focus on 4-H, directly involving the youth in the community. The websites for the various counties can be accessed through the main USU website. Morgan County is offering a crock-pot cooking class, and Tooele is offering a cupcake-decorating class open to those third-grade and up. Emery County’s site contains tips for a successful fall garden, but the Extension does not just cover Utah. All land-grant universities have an extension program, Gay said, and they all collaborate. “Extension is a connected system. I can get on my computer with a request for information and every agent in the entire system receives it. All the way from Guam to Maine to Puerto Rico, on the other side of the international dateline,” he said. There is also an international element. Gay said he has lived in 40 different countries on a short-term basis, including three years in Morocco. “Every country has unique situations and unique people. You always come home with a lot more than you gave,” he said. Student internships are also available through the Extension program. – [genevieve.draper@aggiemail.usu.edu](mailto:genevieve.draper@aggiemail.usu.edu)

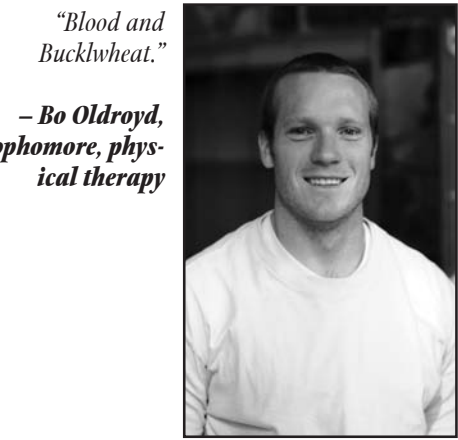
# Street Speak

## What is the weirdest thing you have ever eaten?



“Sushi.”  
– Gayane Ghazaryan, freshman, biology

“Bibnbop from South Korea.”  
– Lauren Thompson, junior, international business



“Blood and Buckwheat.”  
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OurView

Don't be ashamed to use the food pantry

It's no secret; we've all looked in our pantries and sighed while looking at one can of refried beans that triggers our up-chuck reflexes. After hanging our heads due to the barren cupboard, we grab our keys preparing to spend a few bucks at the grocery store. Just in case, we look up the balance in our bank accounts and again hang our heads when a goose egg stares us in the face.

With the majority of students currently on student loans and the job market tight, it's tough for college students to keep change in their pockets, especially when the monthly rent and utility bills turn up in their mailboxes. We know all about this. Even those with a source of funding struggle to pay the bills.

So do those without jobs steal ketchup packets from Burger King to suffice their hunger?

Tucked away in the third story of the TSC is a room with cabinets and shelves full of food: soups, oatmeal, cans of vegetables, instant potatoes, pasta and more. However, the facilitators of this room who are volunteers from the Student Nutrition Access Center (SNAC) are giving the food they have back to Logan's food pantry because it isn't being used. SNAC estimates five students are using USU's food pantry per week. The truth is, there have to be more students that could benefit from this service.

Each student that receives a bag of food from the food pantry can do so in confidence. If we have these services available so conveniently to us, why do we not use them, especially when we're really struggling? The food pantry opens its doors twice a week, thrilled to invite students in who are in a financial bind. It's OK for students to stop listening to pride and start listening to their rumbling bellies. Reach out to those who are waiting to help. This is why USU values having a service center – to cater to the students who drive the university.

USU students do have all the tools necessary to be successful if they look for them. Those students who do work and are blessed with a little extra cash, donate a can or two in order to support those who are running out of cereal funds. Our university will not thrive and grow on an empty stomach, so eat up.

With Mike Lee, the USU buck stops here

Mike Lee is being heralded as the champion of the common Utahn. His entire platform is upholding the Constitution, reigning in federal spending, and supporting good old family values. He has strong support among the conservative body here on campus and he's made his presence known at USU through debates.

But do USU students truly understand the implications of his win this upcoming November? Behind his almost-certain victory will be tens of millions of dollars' worth of earmarks lost for Utah State University. For those of you who may not be political science majors – a great major by the way – an earmark determines where money already allocated by the federal government will be spent. What this means is the government already has set money aside for earmarks and politicians decide where to allocate the monies.

Let's put USU in the grand scheme of earmarking. When Bob Bennett was in power he was our strongest voice in the Senate. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Bennett consistently allocated money to our university. Since 2006, USU has received 73 million dollars directly from Bennett's earmarks, including 25.8 million for this school year alone.

Those tens of millions of dollars went directly to our research programs. That meant student jobs were created, world-renowned cutting edge research was able to be conducted, and USU's prestige increased.

But because Lee will be a freshman senator, he has little chance of taking Bennett's place on the powerful Appropriations Committee. As soon as Lee is elected, our one and only link to these tens of millions of dollars is lost forever. This will mean almost-certain death for some research programs here at USU. Our education as a whole will now be valued less because we will not have as much funding to maintain our edge over other competitive schools.

But wait, it gets worse.

One of Mike Lee's pledges was to hold a yearlong moratorium on earmarks. This pledge was nothing short of a political calculation for the November election. He wants to appease the powerful Utah Tea Party movement and by making this pledge, he is courting votes.

But by promising to refuse federal money, he is going to hurt Utah State University during what I firmly believe to be our most vulnerable moment.

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ForumLetters

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iPhone app misunderstood

To the editor:

The article written about ASUSU on Oct. 6 discussing the iPhone application was extremely vague and had multiple misprints. Unfortunately, this is where misunderstandings stem from. ASUSU donated \$5,000 to aid in the production of the application, not \$21,000 as the article portrays. The article failed to mention that nearly every other entity within Utah State has donated equal amounts of money to the iPhone app. This summer, Sarah Reale, a former PR specialist for USU, approached ASUSU, asking if we would like to donate money for the production

cost of the app. She also explained that this is one of the first projects where all entities across campus are working together to create a product that will benefit prospective, current and alumni students.

Several other universities have iPhone and Droid apps. As students, we realized the importance of making our university as progressive as possible. In fact, the college demographic is the largest user of smartphones. After research, we discovered that up to 80 percent of students could be affected by the app in upcoming years. With over 4,000 wireless devices (not including laptops) already registered by IT on a daily basis, we believe that \$5,000 was an adequate amount of money for approval to assist

in the production of the app.

The article portrayed the application to be another form of advertisement for ASUSU, while this is certainly not the case. The features include everything from athletic events, to campus activities, to access to 'Banner', etc. As previously noted, several entities are involved in the production of the application, which allows for a more diverse product.

The director of USU's public relations, or myself, would be happy to sit down and talk to any student that would like to see the break-down of the cost of the application. If you have any ideas of what you would like to see included in the app, feel free to email me or stop by my office at TSC 333.

Lacey Nagao

Hate begins at the breakfast table

Last week, students, faculty and friends gathered at Rutgers University to hold a candlelight vigil for Tyler Clementi, a first-year student who took his own life Sept. 22 after a video was released online showing Clementi making out with another man. Clementi, an aspiring violinist, had been on campus less than a month when his roommate, Dharun Ravi, allegedly planted a webcam in their dorm room to record Clementi's actions. The day after the video went public, Clementi jumped from the George Washington Bridge into the Hudson River. His body wasn't found for days.

Clementi's death has rekindled the national conversation around cyber bullying. Apparently this was the second time Ravi had secretly videotaped Clementi. Clementi had already gone to university officials and complained. Nothing had been done. His death has also reignited the controversy over hate crime legislation. Both Ravi and his childhood friend, Molly Wei, another freshman and Ravi's alleged accomplice, have been charged with invasion of privacy. Many feel they should be charged with something more akin to manslaughter.

At the end of the day, though, Clementi's death doesn't simply reveal the possible abuses of technology; nor does it merely demonstrate the limitations of the legal system when it comes to crimes waged against vulnerable populations. Instead, Clementi's suicide offers a mirror in which we can see the ways we are all, every single one of us, complicit in his death.

Because you don't just wake up one day and decide to stream video of your roommate making out with another man. You don't discover at the age of 18 that you should fear what you don't understand. Hate begins much earlier. It is learned from your father who tells gay jokes at the dinner table. It is learned from your teacher who permits students to call each other "fag" or say "that's so

gay." It is learned from the media where gay men and women are stereotyped and degraded. It is learned on Sundays when church leaders urge their followers to deny civil rights to same-sex couples. It is learned in everyday interactions where heterosexuality is the assumption and gay role models are absent. That Ravi thought he could tape Clementi with another man and then air it publicly without consequence only speaks to how we as a society have learned to accommodate our homophobia, live with it, like a limp or a dripping faucet.

We do not, though, have the option of ignoring the problem. In the weeks before Clementi killed himself, Seth Walsh and Asher Brown both took their lives, one by hanging and the other by gunshot. Both were 13 years old and from different parts of the country. Both were teased at school for their perceived sexuality. In that same time period, Bill Lucas killed himself, as did 19-year-old Raymond Chase. All gay teens. All dead. All in September.

Nationwide, gay teens represent 30 percent of all teen suicides, while closer to home, 40 percent of the teen homeless in Salt Lake City are gay. One out of six gay teens has been beaten badly enough to require medical attention. At what point should we act? Should we wait and see what happens in October? November?

I became a teacher because I believe that through the classroom the world can become a more socially just place, more like the world I want my sons to inherit, a world in which no one is scared to walk the streets at night or leave their house or make out in their dorm room. And I've seen change happen. Not because of anything I did, but because of a book we read, or an essay a student wrote, or a discussion we had in class that day, a day where none of us could leave the classroom as exactly the same person we were when we entered. We had been changed. A slight shift, a small movement. But changed nonetheless.

Words are powerful things. Revolutionary, even. And when we gather around a book or a piece of writing, when

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# The new kids on the block

In a recent upper-level political science class, my professor began making references to the Bill Clinton/Monica Lewinsky scandal and stopped to make sure that the class was aware of who Monica Lewinsky was. My professor often plays this self-ridiculing, “not with it” card during lectures about his lack of knowledge of modern pop culture.

It’s a funny gag and we always seem to reward him with one of those semi-obligatory classroom chuckles but the true gag is that its not really a joke. As we roll our eyes and say “yes, professor, of course we have seen ‘Bill and Ted’s Excellent Adventure,’” there is a sub-textual depth as each of us wonders to ourselves how many students in a 1000-level course would have no idea what we were talking about.

This year’s freshman class is well past the 1990 birthday line, and while a few year’s difference would not seem to separate the goats from the sheep I believe we have already passed through a generational shift.

I have seen it so many times: someone makes an off-hand reference to the “Back to the Future,” (Original) “Star Wars,” “Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles” and even “Lord of the Rings” trilogies only to be met by a chorus of blank stares. I’ve suppressed many a shudder as someone around me refers to “Hallelujah” as “the Shrek song.”

I admit, I’m out of touch. While I could name all five spice girls and rank them in



From the Chief

**BENJAMIN WOOD**

hotness – Sporty, as a matter of fact – I don’t have the slightest idea what the Jonas Brothers’ names are – is there a Nick? – and if it hadn’t been for the idiotic blundering of the Canadian Olympic Committee playing it during their opening ceremonies, I would’ve had no idea that Miley Cyrus sings “Party in the U.S.A.”

But beyond my own fail-ures to keep up with the times, the times have changed nonetheless. There was once a time when an afternoon off meant 3-on-3 basketball in someone’s driveway. Now,

most guys I know sit alone in their basement apartments with a head-set on, “pwning n00bs” for hours while their body begins to eat itself from malnourishment. Frankly, if the above sentence describes you, you’re getting pwned by life.

I took an afternoon and looked through the Statesman archives from 1909. I read news stories about individual undergraduates’ summer plans, saw advertisements for fountain pens – what you “can’t make it through the semester without” – and found that our 1909 men’s football team soundly beat Ogden High School. Fast forward to last Wednesday, and we read that ASUSU is considering dropping \$21,000 on an app that

will allow us to seclude ourselves further into the shiny glow of our smart phones rather than walk to third floor of the TSC and deal with an actual human being. One comforting thing about that 100-year-old paper was the S.E. Needham Jewelers ad. At least there are some things you can always depend on. I mean that, thank you Needham family, for all that you do for USU.

In “The Social Network” J.T. makes the statement that “we lived on farms, we lived in cities, and now we’re going to live on the Internet.” The new generation does just that, they live on the Internet. They live on their iPhones, they live on Facebook and they live on Twitter. In one day they send more text messages than they utter full sentences.

What worries me is that instead of using their iPads to find out what’s going on in the world around them, they’re watching YouTube videos of women getting hit in the face by watermelons, and, well, porn.

I know that there are many among the new generation that are upstanding, civil, conscious, forward thinking, intellectually competent individuals. I also fully acknowledge that among my own generation are many blithering idiots. Still, I look around and see the steady decline of our culture into a cesspool of of trolling blog-posters. There’s nothing we can really do about it though; it’s their generation now and they’ll do with it what they will. Us aged and decrepit can only sit back and hope it doesn’t get out of hand.

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## Research: Lee’s calculations may prove deadly for USU programs

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We are currently experiencing the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression and USU budgets are going to be cut even further. The rainy day fund cannot bail us like it did last year. Refusing to take earmarks is not only counter-intuitive, but rather foolish.

An earmark doesn’t determine if money will be spent at all – that decision was made long ago. Rather, earmarks only determine where the money will be spent. If Mike Lee upholds his moratorium and refuses to accept the money for Utah, it would simply be spent someplace else instead.

We Utahns pay federal taxes and if there is the opportunity to take some of that money back we should take it. Promising to hold a

one-year moratorium on earmarks does nothing to fix government over-spending. Rather, the issue of earmarks is only being used as a political gimmick to gain Mike Lee more votes at the expense of USU students. He is essentially throwing us under the bus for the sake of getting himself elected. This is wrong and we must call him out on it. Mike Lee is not the champion of the common Utahn as he makes himself out to be. Utah State University needs a voice in the Senate but I am afraid that Mike Lee will not be that voice.

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## Hate: Stand against intolerance

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versity need to be the ones to understand what caused Tyler Clementi’s death, what pushed him off the bridge.

The kitchen table, the living room couch, the sagging porch on the front of the house. These are spaces of change as well, not unlike the classroom. The next time we hear someone tell a gay joke, suggest someone is immoral for being who they are, call an individual a fag, we can take the first step in changing the statistics, in keeping those around us safe. Because

we can say that’s not okay.

Tyler Clementi is dead. He will never be in this world again, never hug his parents, never open another book, never see a night when the Milky Way arcs across the sky like a river of stars. And that is not – and can never be – okay.

*Jennifer Sinor is an associate professor in the English department.*

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# Two more charged in gang activity

NEW YORK (AP) — Two additional suspects were charged Tuesday in several brutal attacks that authorities believe were touched off because gang members thought one of their recruits was gay.

A tenth suspect, 22-year-old Jose Dominguez, surrendered to detectives Tuesday and was arraigned in the Bronx Criminal Court on charges of gang assault, sexual abuse and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes. It wasn't clear if he had an attorney. No one answered the phone at an address provided by police.

A suspect who was arrested Monday, Ruddy Vargas-Perez, was arraigned Tuesday on charges including robbery, gang assault and unlawful imprisonment as hate crimes.

Benjamin Heinrich, an attorney for Vargas-Perez, said his client was innocent and denied that he was even

present at the attacks. He described Vargas-Perez as a hardworking carpenter and family man.

Police say Dominguez and Vargas-Perez participated in at least one of the attacks on two teens and two men on Oct. 3.

Members of a street gang who called themselves the Latin King Goonies targeted a 30-year-old gay man after he apparently had a sexual encounter with one of their recruits, authorities said.

The 17-year-old was beaten and sodomized with the handle of a plunger until he confessed to his involvement with the older man, authorities said. The mob later went after the 30-year-old, luring him to an abandoned apartment they used for partying, where they tied him to a chair and assaulted him, police said.

Another 17-year-old was also attacked because it was believed he too had an encoun-

ter with the 30-year-old man, and the older man's brother was also attacked after gang members went to their shared apartment and robbed the place of cash and a TV, police said.

Initially, authorities said nine people participated in the attacks, but later concluded there were 10. Police say Dominguez has been accused of hitting the first victim with a pipe. No one else is being sought, but it's possible more suspects could surface during the continued investigation, police said.

Eight of the men were arraigned Sunday on hate-crime charges including assault, sexual abuse and harassment. They did not enter pleas. Two attorneys represented them at the hearing but didn't expect to represent all of them through the legal process. Family members have said the men are innocent.

Vargas-Perez was taken into custody after his attorney had told authorities he would be surrendering to police on Tuesday. He had failed previously to show up as promised.

But on Tuesday, Heinrich said that media reports that his client had not shown up when he was supposed to were false. He said Vargas-Perez surrendered to authorities based on an arrangement with investigators.

"He's innocent and he doesn't belong to any gang," said his aunt, Griselda Perez, outside the court house while holding a picture of his nephew with the word "innocent" printed on it.

The beatings in the Bronx, plus the recent string of anti-gay attacks and teen suicides elsewhere attributed to homophobic bullying, have drawn rebukes from government leaders and gay advocates.



**RUDDY VARGAS-PEREZ** is led from the Bronx-Borough detective headquarters. *AP photo*

# Marriage law appealed

BOSTON (AP) — The U.S. Department of Justice on Tuesday defended the federal law defining marriage as between a man and a woman by appealing two rulings in Massachusetts by a judge who called the law unconstitutional for denying federal benefits to gay married couples.

In two separate cases, U.S. District Judge Joseph Tauro in July ruled the federal Defense of Marriage Act, known as DOMA, is unconstitutional because it interferes with a state's right to define marriage and denies married gay couples an array of federal benefits given to heterosexual married couples, including the ability to file joint tax returns.

The notice of appeal filed Tuesday did not spell out any arguments in support of the law. The appeals eventually will be heard by the 1st U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Boston.

President Barack Obama has repeatedly said he would like to see the 1996 law repealed. But the Justice Department has defended the constitutionality of the law, which it is required to do.

"The Department of Justice has a long-standing practice of defending federal statutes when they are challenged in court, including by appealing adverse decisions of lower courts," said Justice Department spokeswoman Tracy Schmalzer.

Tauro's rulings came in separate challenges: one filed by Massachusetts Attorney General Martha Coakley and the other by Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders, a Boston-based legal rights group that argued successfully to make Massachusetts the first state in the country to legalize gay marriage.

"We fully expected an appeal and are more than ready to meet it head on," said Mary Bonauto, GLAD's civil rights project director. "DOMA brings harm to families like our plaintiffs every day, denying married couples and their children basic protections like health insurance, pensions and Social Security benefits. We are confident in the strength of our case."

Coakley's office had argued the law violates the U.S. Constitution by interfering with the state's right to make its own marriage laws and forces Massachusetts to violate the con-

stitutional rights of its residents by treating married gay couples differently than other married couples in order to receive federal funds for certain programs.

Coakley said in a statement Tuesday that she was looking forward to making her case before the appeals court.

"DOMA is an unjust, unfair, and unconstitutional law that discriminates against Massachusetts married couples and their families," Coakley said.

Opponents of gay marriage, citing the president's support for repealing DOMA, have accused the Obama administration of failing to vigorously defend the law.

During court hearings before Tauro, a Justice Department lawyer argued the federal government has the right to set eligibility requirements for federal benefits, including requiring that those benefits go only to couples in marriages between a man and a woman.

DOMA defines marriage as a union between a man and a woman, prevents the federal government from recognizing gay marriages and allows states to deny recognition of same-sex unions performed elsewhere. Since the law passed in 1996, many states have instituted their own bans, while five states and the District of Columbia have legalized same-sex marriage.

In his ruling, Tauro said the law forces Massachusetts to discriminate against its own citizens to be eligible for federal funding in federal-state partnerships.

In a ruling in GLAD's case, Tauro said the act violates the equal protection clause of the U.S. Constitution.

"Congress undertook this classification for the one purpose that lies entirely outside of legislative bounds, to disadvantage a group of which it disapproves. And such a classification the Constitution clearly will not permit," Tauro wrote.

The rulings apply only to Massachusetts, where same-sex marriage has been legal since 2004. But gay marriage supporters are hoping the rulings could prompt other states to file their own challenges to DOMA and could also give momentum to a movement to repeal the law.



**LT. DAN CHOI**, an Iraq combat veteran, appears at an equality rally in 2009. *AP photo*

# Photo shows apparent leak before Hungary spill

BUDAPEST, Hungary (AP) — An aerial photo taken months before a gigantic reservoir unleashed torrents of toxic sludge shows a faint red trail trickling through the container wall — part of a growing body of evidence that inspectors who gave the pit a clean bill of health may have missed warning signs.

Police were examining the photo Tuesday as part of an investigation into how part of the wall containing the 10 million cubic meters (350 million cubic feet) of caustic slurry could have given way without structural weaknesses being detected by a team of inspectors from the government environmental agency who inspected the container pond less than two weeks before the spill.

Disaster commissioner Gyorgy Bakondi, appointed to the newly created post Monday night, said Tuesday the inspections were under investigation, including claims by environmental inspectors that "they had found everything in order."

As the police probe gathered steam, judicial authorities scheduled a court appearance for Zoltan Bakonyi, the managing director of MAL Rt., or the Hungarian Aluminum Production and Trade Company, the company that owned the reservoir, to decide whether he should be formally charged, if so, with what, and whether he should remain in custody.

The photo showing an apparent leak of red sludge on the northern wall of the reservoir — the same wall that partially collapsed eight days ago — was taken by Interspect, a Hungarian company specializing in aerial photography that invests some of its profits on environmental projects, such as taking photos of locations in Hungary which could be at environmental risk.

Interspect director Gabor Bako said he shot the photo June 11, nearly four months before

the spill. He said the company shared the photo with universities and environmental groups "but no further steps were taken in the matter" until the wall collapsed freeing the caustic muck that flooded three west Hungarian villages about 170 kilometers (just over 100 miles) from Budapest before being carried by local waterways into the Danube River.

Although Interspect found many suspicious sites around the country, "we're not construction engineers or specialists who could interpret what the picture showed," he told The Associated Press, still hoping to gather experts who could review the photos.

Bakonyi, the managing director who was taken into police custody Monday, was scheduled to appear at a preliminary court hearing Wednesday convening at Veszprem, a western Hungarian city about 45 kilometers (27 miles) east of the partially collapsed containment pond.

A police statement issued Tuesday suggested Bakonyi was guilty of negligence, saying he did not prepare an emergency warning and rescue plan to be implemented in case of an incident like the sludge spill.

There was no official information on what Bakonyi told police, with law enforcement officials declining to divulge details on the progress of their investigation a week after the start of their probe. By Tuesday night, police had not made promised return calls to the AP.

But according to the daily Blikk, which is considered to have good police connections, a lead engineer at MAL Rt., told police that the firm's top management was aware — but kept quiet — about the risks of a breach of the reservoir for an unspecified period.

The tabloid also revealed that in the 1980s, before the fall of the Iron Curtain, Bakonyi's father, Arpad Bakonyi, was the head of the

environmental department at the ministry of industry — a predecessor of the present-day inspectorate — and received several state awards for his work.

In an initial reaction after the spill, Zoltan Bakonyi said the reservoir was patrolled daily and "did not show any physical signs that something of this nature could happen." But Prime Minister Viktor Orban suggested that preliminary investigations revealed negligence playing a part.

"We have well-founded reasons to believe that there were people who knew about the dangerous weakening of the reservoir wall, but for personal reasons they thought it wasn't worth repairing and hoped there'd be no trouble," Orban said.

Bakondi, the disaster commissioner, said that police had taken over security tasks at all premises belonging to the company and that production at the plant could restart during the weekend, although a final decision had yet to be made.

Bakondi leads an 18-member supervisory committee, who will have to approve practically everything happening at MAL from now on.

The government rejected claims that it was using the disaster as an excuse for ruling by decree.

"This is not the nationalization of the company," government spokeswoman Anna Nagy said. "It is placing it under government supervision until the catastrophe is resolved."

Asked, however, what activities the company could carry out without the consent of the supervisory board, Bakondi answered, "Nothing."

A corner of the reservoir at the alumina plant in Ajka, 160 kilometers (100 miles) southwest of Budapest, the capital, collapsed last Monday, releasing an estimated 700,000 cubic

meters (184 million gallons) of a highly caustic byproduct of alumina production, which is then used to make aluminum.

The Ajkai Timfoldgyar plant, which began operating in 1943, was sold to private investors in the 1990s in the wake of the collapse of communism.

MAL has a 12 percent market share in Europe of alumina production and 4 percent globally.

It says it spent 30.3 billion forints (\$153 million) in the past decade on maintenance and renovation work.

Media reports say it had revenues of nearly 29 billion forints (\$147 million) in 2009 and 50 billion forints (\$253 million) in 2007.



**AN AERIAL VIEW** of the red-mud-hit town Devcsca. *AP photo*



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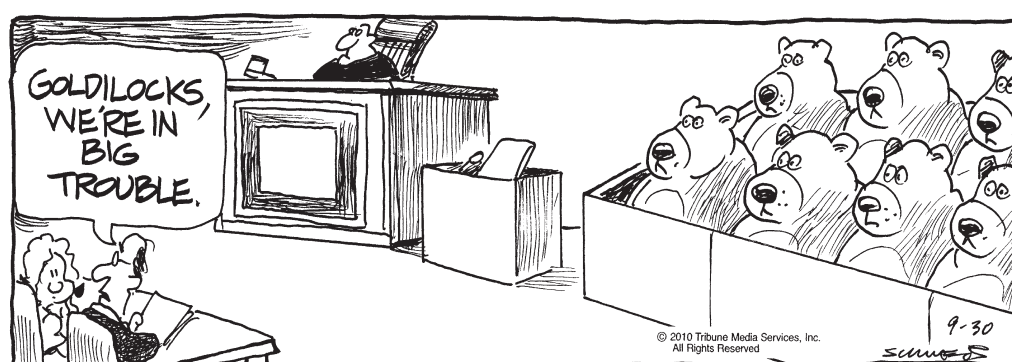
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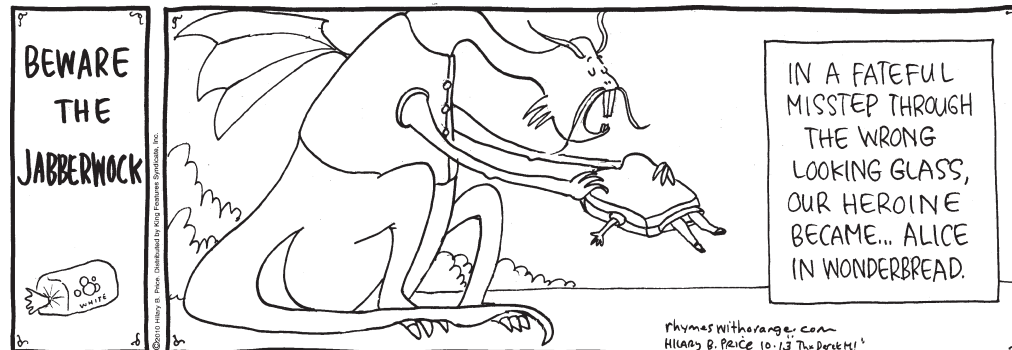
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- C073-11 Scientific Drilling Field & Lab Assts 10.00
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- C448-07 Customer Service- Tooele

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- C519-10 Electrical Engineering Assistant
- C120-11 Undergraduate Researcher negotiable
- C142-11 Molecular Research Technician depending on experience
- C139-11 Aggie Barn Researcher DOE
- C154-11 Teachers Aide 300/mo
- C194-98 Undergrad Tas For Labs & Paper Graders \$8/hr
- C161-11 Seed Administrative Assistant \$12/hr
- C185-11 Graphic Design Assistant BOE
- C296-05 American Sign Language Interpreter \$14-\$26+
- C189-11 Staff Assistant, Lassi Service Center \$8
- C186-11 Computer Tech, Lassi Service Centre \$10
- C106-09 Student Support Services Tutor 7.50 +
- C210-11 Science Writer \$8 hr
- C208-11 Part-time Photo Lab Mngr.
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- C316-08 Research Assistant 800/mo
- C505-11 Graduate Research Assistant competitive dep on qualif
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- 6531 Truck Driver
- 6541 Babysitter/nanny \$25/day
- 6551 Marketing Rep/ Sales Closer \$12-\$18 per hour

- 6336 Financial Advisor
- 6610 Inventory Closeout Dancer
- 6615 Bench Chemist(laboratory Supervisor) Salary
- 6485 Toys R Us Sales Associate Varies
- 6486 Toys R Us Department Supervisor Varies
- 6629 Personal Trainer
- 5519 Internet Support Technician \$9/hour
- 6653 Driver To Take Child To School \$10.00 hour
- 6656 Paid Internship Graphic Design
- 6664 Mechanical Engineer doe
- 6671 Sr. Graphic Designer Position Available Starting Salary: 42 - 55k
- 6670 Telephone Sales & Marketing \$8.50/hr
- 6668 Technical Support \$9-12/hour
- 6621 Appointment Setter Negotiable
- 6677 Associate Wealth Advisor Negotiable
- 6681 Mothers Helper minimum
- 6680 Bluecache Sales Rep atleast \$10/hr
- 6682 Software Engineer BOE
- 6684 Child Care
- 6687 Marketing Consultant \$3000+/Month
- 6658 Software Engineer Based on Experience
- 6685 Baby Sitter
- 6691 Marketing Coordinator/office Manager based of experience
- 6693 Ap / Ar Clerk
- 6694 Tutor-asp.net 4 In C# Start Immediately Negotiable
- 6696 Housekeeper 10.00/Hr
- 6689 Gymnastics Coach based on experience
- 6697 Programmer
- 6690 A Dining Room Server 7.40
- 6688 Optional Gymnastics Coach \$13+ based on experience
- 6702 Baby Sitter
- 6700 Cheerleading Tumbling Coach Based on experience
- 6699 In Home Childcare \$50-75 per week
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- 3503 Wireless Consultant \$9.00-\$14+
- 6703 Print Production TBD
- 4147 Handyman BOE
- 6705 Sales Associate 40%-60% profit
- 6704 Route Manager
- 6707 Nanny (child Care & Some Cleaning) TBD
- 6714 Instructional Assistant \$9.45
- 6716 Direct Advertiser
- 6721 Nanny \$7-12/hour
- 6717 Salesperson \$8.50 - \$12
- 6718 Tutor For 4th Grader \$8 hr or room and board
- 6719 Housecleaner \$15
- 6713 Thesis Research \$12/hr
- 6712 Instructional Specialist \$9.92 per hour
- 5878 Cashier
- 0304 Farm Helper negotiable
- 6715 Yardworker/handyperson \$9/hour
- 6005 Dental Schedule Coordinator Depends on experience
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## Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

**ACROSS**

- Self-confident to a fault
- Dealt with fallen leaves
- Donkey
- Sneeze sound
- Vine-covered, as college walls
- ROTC school WSW of Washington, D.C.
- Sources of rowdy criticism
- He-sheep
- The Carpenters and Sonny & Cher
- Jazzy Fitzgerald
- Mother of Don Juan
- Turkey brand
- Turkey-carving machine
- Mine, in Metz
- Decline, biblically
- Play your poker hand without drawing
- Commotion
- Computer program suffix
- 1997-2003 game show host who put up his own money for prizes
- How stop signs are painted
- ABA members
- Oration
- Colorful plastic footwear
- "Huh?"
- Nike rival
- Stumble
- Santa \_\_\_ winds
- Hawaii once comprised most of them
- Poem of praise
- Game show host
- Remus or Sam
- Actor Beatty
- Cowpoke's pokers
- Beef source

**DOWN**

- Bay of Naples isle
- Aptly named city
- Lizard that can change colors
- \_\_\_-Tiki
- "\_\_\_ be amazed"
- Severity, in Soho
- Seagoing "Cease"
- About .62 mi.
- Silvery fish
- Pres. before JFK
- Walled Spanish city
- Use one's nose
- Rope-making fiber
- Boob \_\_\_: TV
- Opener's next call, in bridge
- Pimple
- Actor Jacques
- Country music's Milesap
- Talkative
- Experiment site
- Nine-digit ID
- "To sleep, \_\_\_ to dream": Hamlet
- Chopping tool grip
- CNN founder
- Circus safety gear
- Dinner plate
- Dinner course
- Original
- Baseball's World
- Omega precursors
- Leader of the Argonauts
- Deftly escape from
- Like many winter jackets
- None of the above
- Situn gun
- All-Pro Patriots receiver Welker
- Pesky kid
- Hosp. heart ward
- Aardvark's tidbit

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# Statesman **Back Burner**



Today is Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2010. Today's issue of The Utah Statesman is published especially for Dani Gomm, a freshman majoring in history education from Smithfield, Utah.

## Almanac

**Today in History:** In 1792, the cornerstone is laid for a presidential residence in the newly designated capital city of Washington. In 1800, President John Adams became the first president to reside in the executive mansion, which soon became known as the "White House."

## Weather

**High: 68° Low: 28°**  
**Skies: Mostly sunny**



## Wednesday April 16

- Women's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Alcohol Awareness, International Lounge, 9:30 a.m.
- Tuition Freedom Day, TSC Ballroom, 10 a.m.
- USU Meditation Club, TSC 335, 12 p.m.
- Anxiety Workshop, TSC 335, 3:30 p.m.
- Big Band Jazz Concert, Performance Hall, 7:30 p.m.

## Thursday April 17

- Attend Friday Schedule
- Men's Tennis at Utah Invitational, All Day
- Women's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Multicultural Student Group, TSC 315A, 12:30 p.m.
- Hockey vs. CU D3, Eccles Ice Arena, 7 p.m.
- Why Sound Concert, 8 p.m.

## Friday April 18

- Fall Break (no classes)
- Men's Tennis at Utah Invitational, All Day
- Women's Tennis at ITA Regionals, All Day
- Logan Library Book Sale, All Day
- Women's Soccer vs. Boise State, 3 p.m.
- Haunted Hallow, American West Heritage Center, 7 p.m.
- Women's Volleyball at Nevada, 8 p.m.

## Fall break

Registrar's Office would like to remind you: Attend Friday Schedule of Oct. 14. Fall Break is Oct. 15, no classes will be held.

## Prep courses

LSAT and GRE Prep Course are available! Tuesday's and Thursdays from Sept. 14 to Oct. 21. LSAT is 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and GRE is 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. For more info visit conference.usu.edu/lsat or call 797-0423.

## Pumpkin walk

See dozens of scenes made with pumpkins at the North Logan Pumpkin Walk Oct. 21-23 and 25-26 at Elk Ridge Park. Admission is free! Hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. This year's theme is "The Magic of Animation."

## Alcohol awareness

Come participate in games, enjoy free food, and get information on how to make safe decisions regarding alcohol when it comes to you and your friends on Oct. 13 from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

## Come to party

At 1:30 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Caine College of the Arts is the first USU bagpipe band meeting. Anyone who plays the bagpipes, is a scottish side drummer, or a drummer who is interested in learning a new style is invited. For questions call Matt at 801-694-3997.

## Internship here

"The Murder Room," a mystery farce presented at the Old Barn Theatre on Fridays, Saturdays and Mondays from Oct. 8-30 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$8.

## Come to party

On Oct. 27 from 6-7 p.m. in room 507 of the University Inn, scholar Dr. Audrey Osler will be giving a presentation on children's rights in education.

## You need to know....

Hey Girls! The USU Men's Volleyball team is sponsoring a **women's indoor tournament** on Oct. 22 and 23. Get your team together and start practicing now to compete! Check out the website for registration: [www.usu.edu/camprec/htm/clubsports](http://www.usu.edu/camprec/htm/clubsports).

Telemark Ski Film: "**The Freeheel Life 2**" will be shown at 7 p.m. at the Outdoor Rec. Shop on Oct. 13. \$4 for students and \$8 for public.

**Tuition Freedom Day:** Thank-a-thon will be held on Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the TSC Ballroom. Even if you have not gotten a scholarship, you are still paying only about 15 percent of your tuition. The rest comes from other sources. Come show your appreciation.

**Titans of Yoga** Utah movie premiere will be shown Oct. 23 at 7 p.m. in the Whittier Center Gym. Proceeds of screening benefit Green Tree Yoga in Cache County after-school programs.

Test **Anxiety Workshop** in TSC 335 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Oct. 13. You do not have to register to attend. For additional information, contact the Academic Resource Center at 797-1128.

On Oct. 21 will be the first of several **free cover concerts** this year from IMC. Just call your songs in by posting on our facebook page by searching for Independent Music Club.

Upcoming dates for **Cafe Ibis:** Melody and Tyler On Oct. 10 from 12-2 p.m. Hilary Murray on Oct. 17 from 12-2 p.m. Opening Reception for photographer Jessica Briggs and live music by Kris Krompel on Oct. 22 from 7-9 p.m. and Ryan and Bill on Oct. 24 from 12-2 p.m.

Stokes Nature Center is holding **Parent Tot** at 10 a.m. on Oct. 15. Explore animals, plants, and nature through music, crafts, and games. All toddlers must have a parent present. Program fee is \$3. To register, call 435-755-3239.

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